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Capital letters - deceased
Brackets - titles
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The Evening Star, Tues., Jan. 2, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Mildred Lung

AUBURN — Mildred M. Lung, 75, died Monday, Jan. 1, 2000, at 6:25 a.m. in Byron Health Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lung

Mrs. Lung had been a resident of Wesley Park Apartments in Auburn. She worked as a Watkins distributor in Auburn from 1956 to 1990.

She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God and the Heimach Center.

She was born Dec. 24, 1925, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Roy and Beulah (Davis) Marlow.

She married Robert Walter in 1946 in Spencerville. He died in 1949.

She married Kenneth M. Lung on Oct. 29, 1950, in Garrett. He died March 8, 1982.

Surviving are two sons, Verlin Lung of Kendallville and Lanny Lung of Flag Pond, Tenn.; three daughters Carol Pearsall of New Orleans, La., Karen Bitner of Connersville, Pa., and Peggy Miller of Huntertown; a stepdaughter, Nancy Boger of Auburn; eight grandchildren, 14 stepgrandchildren, five great-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Larry Allen Lung; a stepson, Nelson Lung; a brother, a half-brother and two stepgrandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 9 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Dale Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is today from 4-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the St. Mary's Soup Kitchen.

Mabel Maugherman

EDON, Ohio — Mabel May (Cogswell) Maugherman, 70, of rural Edon, Ohio, died Friday evening, Dec. 29, 2000, in Harborside Healthcare of Northwest Ohio, at Bryan, following a lingering illness.

She was a lifelong resident of Williams County, having lived on the present family farm since 1954. She was co-owner and operator of Maugherman's Hardware in Montpelier from 1971 to 1991.

A 1948 graduate of Montpelier High School, she was a member of the Columbia Church of Christ and a former member of the Rebekah Lodge, the Fountain City Squares and Williams County Saddle Club.

She was born April 8, 1930, near Montpelier, Ohio, to William Edward Cogswell Sr. and Zelma Arminda (Allion) Cogswell.

On Jan. 22, 1950, she married her former husband, Jay Maugherman Jr. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Denise Maugherman of Edon, Ohio; a daughter and two sons-in-law, Shelley and Tom Kelble of Snow Lake, Fremont, and Nick A. Mohre of Blakeslee, Ohio; six grandchildren, Tyler Jay, Ashley Ann, Erik Jon, Nichelle May, Nilah May and Nilesha May; and five brothers and sisters-in-law, William Edward and Lois Cogswell of Hillsdale, Mich.; Lawrence and Phyllis Cogswell of Montpelier, Ohio; Moris and Emily Cogswell of Bryan, Ohio, Lyle and Joyce Cogswell of Montpelier, Ohio; and Lavern and Gladys Cogswell of Montpelier, Ohio.

Preceding her in death were four brothers, Alonzo, Leonard, Clair and Wayne Cogswell.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Columbia Church of Christ, with ministers Willard Delaney, Ronald L. Moser and Cliff Graves officiating. Burial will be in Flora Grove Cemetery, Pioneer, Ohio.

Calling is today from 1-8 p.m. in Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, Montpelier.

Memorials are to the six grandchildren's continuing education fund.

Freda Kilgore

GARRETT — Freda M. Kilgore, 82, died Monday, Jan. 1, 2001, at 11:32 p.m. in her home in Garrett.

Mrs. Kilgore retired from Essex Corp. in Auburn after working there for 10 years. She was a homemaker and also worked as a cook in several restaurants in Kentucky. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Garrett.

She was born March 30, 1918, in Weston, W. Va., to Samuel and Vesta (Flannagan) Butcher.

On Sept. 27, 1935, she married John F. Kilgore in Knott County, Ky. He died on July 24, 1994.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, George and Shelva Kilgore of San Angelo, Texas, John Jr. and Mary Kay Kilgore of Fort Wayne, and Chad and Delores Kilgore of Auburn; six daughters and sons-in-law, Dorothy and Ralph Summers, Madeline and James Chaffins, Sammye and Harry Jackson and Shelia and Rick Bush, all of Garrett, and Marlene and Dillard Bentley and Gwendolyn and Tommy Adams, all of Hindman, Ky; a brother, Charles Butcher of Chesapeake, Va.; 22 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a son, Charles Richard Kilgore; two sisters, Geraldine Butcher and Betty Major; two grandchildren, Tammy Jo and Timmy Lee Simmons; and a great-granddaughter, Kylie Chaffins.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Claude Shepard of the Church of the Nazarene in Garrett officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to hospice and the Church of the Nazarene in Garrett.

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Delores Rodman

CORUNNA — Delores Tucker Rodman, 56, of Corunna, died Monday, Jan. 1, 2001, at 7:30 a.m. in her home.

She had been in declining health for three years and had been seriously ill for the past 13 months.

Mrs. Rodman was a former resident of Churubusco. She was employed for 20 years at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne. She later worked as a bartender at American Legion Post 157 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Turtle Post 3846, both in Churubusco. She was a member of the Churubusco VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born Feb. 25, 1944, in Churubusco to Harvey L. and Hazel Johnson Gray.

She married Harold R. Tucker in 1959. He died unexpectedly on Dec. 10, 1986.

She was a lifelong resident of Churubusco until she moved to Corunna after her marriage on April 17, 1992, to Kenneth J. Rodman.

He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Michael Tucker of Corunna; two daughters and a son-in-law, Cindy and Allen Hovis of Hamilton and Brenda Tucker Bills of Churubusco; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Charles and Jean Gray of Portland, Everett Gray of Churubusco and Phillip Gray of South Carolina; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco. The Rev. James M. Archambeault, pastor of Kendallville First United Pentecostal Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is today from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Harold Seltenright

BUTLER — Harold A. Seltenright, 84, of Butler, died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2000, at 11:55 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was a brick and stone mason from 1936 through 1951. He owned Seltenright's Main TV Sales & Service in Butler from 1951 to 1977.

He attended New Hope Christian Church in Waterloo. He was a ham radio operator for more than 50 years with call letters N9DMC, and was a member of Hams for Christ. He designed, built and flew model aircraft. He and his wife were very active in Christian work in the Butler area for many years.

He was born June 10, 1916, in Butler to Frank P. and Pearl Eckels Seltenright.

He married Helen L. Slater on Nov. 21, 1934, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James L. and Alice F. Seltenright; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon E. and Sonny Spake of Auburn, Jeanne A. and Edward Buell of Butler, and Phyllis E. and Jerry Crothers of Leo-Cedarville; two stepsisters, Eileen Coffel and Orpha Jean Bently, both of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and eight stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Church, Waterloo.

Mae McNickle

KENDALLVILLE — Mae O. McNickle, 74, died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2000, at 6:28 p.m. at Parkview Noble hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. McNickle

She was born Feb. 16, 1926, in Hot Springs, Va., to Warick and Florence Burns. She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Brad K. McNickle of Sanford, N.C., Gary G. and Cindi McNickle of Stroh and Michael J. and Janet McNickle of Laurenberg, N.C.; five sisters, Jane Lipscomb of Battle Creek, Mich., Abby Thurman of Hixon, Tenn., Alice Ewyk of Ellenton, Fla., Clarice Armstrong of McDowell, Va., and Rennie Robinson of Hot Springs, Va.; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James McNickle, Feb. 6, 1982.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be at California Corners Cemetery, Montgomery, Mich.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church.

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(The following obituary is being published again with additional information and corrections.)

James McCosh

GARRETT — James A. McCosh, 33, of Garrett, died at 1:28 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, 2000, in Fort Wayne.

In Auburn on June 30, 1967, he was born to James A. and Susan Louise McCosh Sr., who survive. He married Jammie Whan on June 15, 2000. She survives.

He worked construction and resided in Garrett for two years.

Surviving in addition to his parents, James A. McCosh Sr., Waterloo, and Susan Louise (McCosh) Musser of Edon, Ohio, and his wife, are a daughter, Rhiannon G. McCosh; two brothers, Jody L. McCosh and Jason K. McCosh; a sister, Angie Marie Bolton; two stepsons, Travis C. Lyons and Kyle A. Whan; and a stepdaughter, Katlyn R. Lyons.

A brother, David James McCosh, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2001, at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett with the Rev. Noel Johnson officiating.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Rhiannon G. McCosh.

George Payton Sr.

GARRETT — George R. Payton Sr., 75, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, at 9:45 a.m. in his home at Garrett.

Mr. Payton lived in Garrett for 55 years. He worked as a quality control operator at Newnam Manufacturing in Kendallville. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of American Legion Post 178 in Garrett.

He was born Feb. 15, 1925, in Mitchell, Ind., to James E. and Elsie (Cooper) Payton.

He married Minnie Custer on Dec. 4, 1943, in Garrett. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Marilyn Helmick of Garrett and Jama Campbell of Avilla; two sons, George "Bob" Payton Jr. of Garrett and Kim Payton of Albion; five brothers, Donald and Thomas, both of Tavares, Fla., Charles of Davison, Mich., Ronald of Birmingham, Ala., and Larry of McCulla, Ala.; eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, 13 stepgrandchildren, 14 stepgreat-grandchildren and one stepgreat-great-grandchild.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Pastor Lane Andrews will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery with military graveside services.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Geraldine Jenkins

FORT WAYNE — Geraldine "Gerry" M. Jenkins, 68, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Jenkins worked at Creations for five years, retiring in 2000. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who enjoyed crafts.

She was born June 21, 1932, in Fort Wayne.

In 1951, she married Richard L. Jenkins in Fort Wayne. He survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are four sons, Michael W. Jenkins of Auburn, and Mark S. Jenkins, Todd L. Jenkins and Troy C. Jenkins, all of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Denise Lehman of Fort Wayne and Terri M. Hoffman of Cape Coral, Fla.; and 10 grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Allen County Cancer Services or Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Roscoe Kepler

PIONEER, Ohio — Roscoe D. Kepler, 90, of Pioneer, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, at Evergreen Manor Nursing Home, Montpelier, Ohio, where he had been a patient for three days.

Mr. Kepler worked as a mechanic in several garages in the area. He later worked at Strydel in Stryker, Ohio, retiring in 1987. He had worked in Ney and West Unity, Ohio, before moving to Pioneer in 1987. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Navy.

He was born June 17, 1910, in DeKalb County, Ind., to Vernon L. and Martha (McClintock) Kepler.

In 1957, he married Tina Borton. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Phyllis and Harold Hulbert of Defiance; a son and a daughter-in-law, Hal and Joan Borton of Holland, Ohio; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Ferm, Chester and Arthur Kepler.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Hollingshead Funeral Home, West Unity, with the Rev. Sue Babb officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery, Butler.

Calling is from 4-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Virginia Hanna

ANGOLA — Virginia Hanna, 84, of Angola, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Hanna was a homemaker. She was born Sept. 17, 1916, in Steuben County to Lloyd and Callie (Ruehl) Oberlin.

Surviving are her husband, Willis Hanna, of Angola; a daughter, Sharon Meyerrose of Union, Ky.; two brothers, Charles Oberlin of Angola, and Lloyd Oberlin Jr. of Edon, Ohio; and two grandchildren, Todd and Deanna Meyerrose.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Juanita Berryhill and Marie Harmon.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Breeden YMCA and Learning Center.

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Deward Moore

ANGOLA — Deward B. Moore, 82, of Angola, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001, at his residence.

Mr. Moore had worked at Trans-Guard Manufacturing, Angola. He was a member of the Angola Church of the Nazarene.

He was born Nov. 8, 1918, in Fallsburg, Ky., to Freelin and Dixie (Darr) Moore.

On Sept. 31, 1941, he married Donna Mae (Jackson) Moore. She survives at home.

Also surviving are four sons, James E. Moore of Hillsboro, Ohio, Glen Moore of Pleasant Lake, Bob Moore of Cincinnati, and Terry Moore of Pleasant Lake; three sisters, Myrtle McManama of Seaman, Ohio, Hazel Presley of Ashley, and Betty Satterfield of Seaman; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Marie Taylor.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Jerry Strahan and Randy Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Helena Smith

ANGOLA — Helena V. Smith, 87, of Whitehouse, Ohio, died Monday, Jan. 1, 2001, at Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola.

Mrs. Smith worked for the village of Whitehouse, Ohio, in the 1950s, as a clerk for the water board. She also worked at Kenta Rubber Products in Whitehouse for many years.

She was a member of the Whitehouse American Legion Auxiliary, and Roche de Bouf OES in Waterville, Ohio. She also was a member of the Neapolis Church of Christ.

She was born May 1, 1913, to Frank and Goldie (Goodenough) Feeney in Defiance, Ohio.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Leona and Milton Hite of Fremont; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Smith, in 1987 and six brothers and sisters.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in the Neapolis Church of Christ with Pastor J.D. Hite officiating. Burial will be in Whitehouse Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Peinert Funeral Home, Whitehouse, Ohio.

Ruth Rakestraw

ANGOLA — Ruth I. Rakestraw, 97, of Fremont, died Monday, Jan. 1, 2001, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Rakestraw was a homemaker. She was born Sept. 1, 1903, in Wauseon, Ohio to Herman and Clara (Frye) Albright.

She married Robert L. Rakestraw, who preceded her in death in 1972.

Surviving her are two daughters, Waunita Foster of Fairfield, Ohio, and Wilma Burch of Fremont; three sons, Ed Rakestraw of Fremont, Don Rakestraw of Rock Hill, S.C., and Jerry Rakestraw of Angola; two sisters, Irene Todd of Fort Wayne, and Leona Emerick of Fremont; two brothers, Noel Albright of Bronson, Mich., and Herman (Bob) Albright of Reading, Mich.; 16 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in California Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

Calling is Thursday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Council on Aging.

Allie Penick

PLEASANT LAKE — Allie N. Penick, 75, a lifetime resident of Pleasant Lake, died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2000, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Penick worked for 11 years at the Steuben County Co-op, and retired from the Steuben County Highway Department.

He was born Aug. 11, 1925, in Pleasant Lake, to Allie N. and Sadie (Betz) Penick.

On May 22, 1948, he married Marilyn Powers Penick. She survives at home.

Also surviving are three sons, Jim Penick of Angola, Bill Penick of Pleasant Lake, and John Penick of Danbury, Conn.; two daughters, Karen Clark of Auburn and Mary Aldrich of Pleasant Lake; six grandchildren; and three sisters, Pauline McClish of Angola, Rose Funk of Angola, and Evelyn Stroud of Phoenix.

He was preceded in death by six brothers and two sisters.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Burial will be in Carter Cemetery, Pleasant Lake.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the North Eastern Indiana Kidney Foundation.

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Frances Doll

AUBURN — Frances E. Doll, 96, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2000, at 2 a.m. in Parkview Hospital at Riverside, Calif., after a brief illness.

Mrs. Doll was born as Frances Hursh on Aug. 3, 1904, in Grabill. She married George Doll in June 1924. He died in 1981.

She worked as a buyer at Stillman's Department Store in Fort Wayne for 25 years.

In 1941, she moved to Spencerville with her famiy. She was active in community affairs, including the PTA and St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

When she moved to Auburn in 1980, she continued her community service, volunteering with the Heimach Center, the Red Cross Bloodmobile, RSVP, Creative Play School, Eckhart Public Library children's programs and the election board.

She received the Sagamore of the Wabash award from Gov. Evan Bayh. She was a lifelong active member of the Democratic Party.

She wrote a weekly newspaper column, "Spotlight on Seniors," for The Evening Star from 1981 until her retirement last June at the age of 95, when she moved to Riverside, Calif., to live with her daughter.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ruthann and James Maxwell of Riverside, Calif.; a daughter-in-law, Nancy Fogle of Spencerville; two sisters, Helen Koch of Wisconsin and Kathryn Dean of North Carolina; eight grandchildren and 15 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death a son, Davey Doll; three sisters and two brothers.

A memorial service will be held at a later date for family and friends.

Memorials are to St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spencerville and the Eckhart Public Library in Auburn.

Area Deaths

WAWAKA — **Glema L. Resler,** 76, died Tuesday, January 2, 2001, at the home of her daughter in LaGrange County. Visitation is Friday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Funeral Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Brimfield United Methodist Church with one hour visitation before services.

MILLERSBURG — **Jonas S. Otto,** 65, of Millersburg died at 7:12 a.m. January 2, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital. Visitation is 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen. Services are 10 a.m. Saturday.

LIGONIER — **Mardell L. Schwab**, 92, of Ligonier, died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2000, at Oak Leaf Village in Ligonier. Visitation is 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier. Services are Friday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

FUQUAY-VARINA, N.C. — **Crystal Sears,** 85, of Fuquay-Varina, N.C., formerly of LaGrange, died in her home on Jan. 2, 2001. Visitation is Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange. Funeral services will be at the LaGrange United Methodist Church Saturday at 10 a.m.

GOSHEN — **Gloria J. Rhodes,** 56, died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2000, at Goshen General Hospital. Funeral services are Thursday at Trinity Assembly of God Church in Ligonier at 7 p.m. with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. The Rev. William Parks will officiate. Funeral services will also be held in Conneaut, Ohio, at the Conneaut Church of God on Saturday at 11 a.m. with visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

ALBION — **Marilyn McClanahan**, 67, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2001, in her home. Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

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Lloyd Clevenger

AUBURN — Lloyd Clevenger, 70, of Auburn, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001, at 6:45 p.m. in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Clevenger was a former employee of Pinkerton Corp., and a guard at the J Box Co. of Auburn, retiring in 1992.

He was born Oct. 8, 1930, in Fort Wayne, to Ira and Mildred Clevenger.

In 1955 in Auburn, he married Hilda Beuchel. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Mark Clevenger of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Ellen and Homer Marshal of Auburn; three sisters, Ina Depuw, Jane Harmeyer and Peggy Teeter, all of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, one great-grandchild and one granddaughter-in-law.

His parents, three brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Pastor Bob Siegrist officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Wade Cooper

KENDALLVILLE — Wade Cooper, 79, died at 8:50 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was born Sept. 13, 1921, in Charleston, W.Va., to Bayless and Mary (Nelson) Cooper. He married Joan Miller on May 29, 1975, in Syracuse. She survives.

Mr. Cooper, who had been in failing health for three years, was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during World War II and a member of Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville. He was retired from Sea Nymph Boat Co. in Syracuse and had worked at Essex Wire of Ligonier.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Cooper of Kendallville; four sons and a daughter-in-law, Dale and Mickey Cooper of Rome City, Jim Cooper of Albion, Jack Cooper of Cromwell, and Mike Cooper of Ligonier; a stepson and daughter-in-law, Larry and April Steel of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Robert Hammond of Galion, Ohio, and Mary and Gary Harris of Ligonier; a stepdaughter, Bonnie Coleman of Auburn; 25 grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, two sisters, one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Services are Friday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery

Visitation will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

Penny Cusick

WATERLOO — Penny L. Cusick, 41, died at 4:15 a.m. today, Jan. 4, 2001, in her home in Waterloo.

She was born April 13, 1959 in Salem, Ohio. She was a 1977 graduate of DeKalb High School and earned an associate's degree in science at Vincennes University. She was employed at Renaissance Publishing in Auburn.

She was a member of the New Hope Christian Church in Waterloo. She was active in numerous groups, including DeKalb County Habitat for Humanity, AIDS Task Force, Friends Facing Cancer, and traveling softball leagues in the area.

She is survived by her mother and stepfather, Laura and Robert Hartsock of Montpelier, Ohio; her father and stepmother, Lee and Jan Cusick of Phoenix, Ariz.; a brother, Randy Cusick of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Candy and Ron Saylor of Auburn; a niece, Angela Saylor of Auburn; a nephew, Adam Saylor of Auburn; and her companion and companion's son, Lori and Lincoln Slentz of Waterloo.

Services will be held Sunday at 6 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Friends Facing Cancer group or Parkview Hospice.

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Betty Edgar

FORT WAYNE — Betty I. Edgar, 77, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Chillicothe, Ohio, she was a homemaker. She was affiliated with Thorncreek Bethel Church of God in Columbia City and was a member of Parkwood Church of God for 39 years.

Mrs. Edgar is survived by her husband, Guilford "Gill" Edgar of Loon Lake; three sons and daughters-in-law, Terry and Linda Edgar and Earnest and Betty Edgar, all of Fort Wayne, and David and Juanita Edgar of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Dixie and Steve Richhart of New Haven and Kay and Jim Elliott of Indianapolis; a sister, Elaine Lichtsinn of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Earl McFetters of Pioneer, Ohio, James and Robert McFetters, both of Fort Wayne, and Ray McFetters of Champton, Minn.; 15 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Parkwood Church of God, 3320 Trier Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is Friday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Parkwood Church of God and Thorncreek Bethel Church of God.

Sona Whalen

KENDALLVILLE — Sona L. Whalen, 59, died at 6:05 a.m. today, Jan. 4, 2001, at her residence. She had been ill for three years.

She lived in Kendallville for 30 years, coming from Ligonier. She was a homemaker and a member of the South Milford Church of Christ, and the Kendallville Eagles Auxiliary.

She was born June 24, 1941, in Three Rivers, Mich. Her father was the late George Poff. Her mother, Helen (Kistler) Wiles, survives in Kendallville.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Randy J. and Tammy Dodson of Albion; Richard E. and Rachel Haslett Jr. of Kendallville; and Sterling R. and Jillaine Bastin of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly S. and David Ramer of Kendallville; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Violet June Birch of Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Carol Sue Cook.

Services will be held 1 p.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Michael Booher of the South Milford Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

The Evening Star, Fri., Jan. 5, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Grace Renz

MUNCIE — Grace E. (Downing) Renz, 77, of Muncie, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2001, at the home of her daughter after a short illness.

She was born in Hopedale, Ohio, and grew up in Avilla and in Ohio. She graduated from Worthington (Ohio) High School in 1939. She met and married her husband of 42 years, Wilbur, in Sturgis, Mich., before moving to Delaware County. Before retiring she worked at Ball State University for over 15 years. She was a member of Gethsemane United Methodist Church, Muncie. She was an avid golfer and bowler.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Marlene of Holland, Mich., and David and Carol of Gull Lake, Mich.; a daughter and son-in-law, Sue and John Brooke of Albany, Ind.; two sisters, Dortha McLaughlin of Angola and Mary Dunnuck of Muncie; and seven grandchildren, Mark, Jeffery and Andrew Renz, Amanda Keckonen and Amber, Ian and Jarred Brooke.

She was preceded in death by her husband; three brothers, Harry, Jack and Vern; and a sister, Harriet.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Gethsemane Untied Methodist Church. Burial will be at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Muncie.

Calling is 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Meeks Mortuary, Muncie, or after 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Ball Memorial Hospital Hospice Services or Little Red Door of Delaware County.

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Ronald Morrison

WASHINGTON, Ind. — Ronald James Morrison, 51, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2001, at 11:45 a.m. in Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes.

Mr. Morrison lived on Knollwood Drive in Washington and formerly lived in Garrett. A graduate of North Side High School in Fort Wayne, he earned a degree in industrial engineering from Purdue University. He had been plant manager at Tokheim's Washington plant for the past nine years, and with the company for 20 years. He previously worked for Franklin Electric in Bluffton, and Sheller-Globe in Portland.

He was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church and was past president of the Washington Chamber of Commerce. He also coached in the YMCA Football League.

He was active in the Garrett Girls Softball League for many years and served as its president. He was a longtime coach of the YMCA Flag Football League and helped to start the Garrett Youth Football program. He also coached in the Garrett baseball program and was a deacon at the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

He was born July 1, 1949, in Fort Wayne to Ian James and Ardenell (Cowan) Morrison. His father survives in Fort Wayne and his mother preceded him in death.

He married Patricia Werling on Aug. 31, 1968, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Heather (Morrison) Bean and Jennifer Morrison, both of Garrett; one son, Ryan Morrison, at home; two brothers, Robert Morrison of Warsaw and Randy Morrison of Fort Wayne; one sister, Sally Harmes of Angola; and two grandchildren, Hayden Morrison and Sage Evans, both of Garrett.

An infant daughter preceded him in death.

A service will be held Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Gill Chapel in Washington, with the Rev. Kathleen Weller officiating.

A service will also be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Klaehn Funeral Home, 420 W. Washington St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Monday from 4-8 p.m. in the Fort Wayne funeral home.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Treva L. Wince**, 86, died Wednesday at home. Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

HARTFORD CITY — **Ethel G. Bennett-Dutro**, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Hartford City. Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Zion Lutheran Church, Hartford City. Calling is 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. today and noon-1:30 p.m. Saturday at Keplinger Funeral Home, Hartford City.

NORTH MANCHESTER — **William E. Cattron Sr.**, 80, died Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw. Graveside services are 10 a.m. Monday at Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester. Calling is 4-7 p.m. Sunday at DeLaughter—McKee Mortuary North Manchester Chapel.

KENDALLVILLE — **William E. "Bud" Meade**, 55, died Thursday at 2:30 a.m. at home. Services are 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Bethel Christian Baptist Church, Kendallville, with calling there today after 3 p.m.

BERNE — **Eldon D. Lehman**, 86, died Wednesday at home. Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Bethel Brethren Church, Berne. Calling is 2-8 p.m. today at Yager Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne, and one hour before services Saturday at the church.

The Evening Star, Sat., Jan. 6 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Kenneth Tomlinson

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Kenneth V. Tomlinson, 93, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2001, at 1:45 a.m. in the Fountain Manor Care Center, Hicksville, where he was a resident for the past 11 months.

Mr. Tomlinson owned and operated Hulbert and Tomlinson Hay and Straw in Hicksville. He retired in 1973.

He was a past member of the Hicksville Board of Public Affairs and the National Hay Association.

He was born April 14, 1907, in DeKalb County to Samuel and Blanche Abel Tomlinson.

On Sept. 29, 1928, he married Lola Leone Scott in St. Joe. She died April 24, 1996.

Mr. Tomlinson is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Pete Pearson of Hicksville; a sister and brother-in-law, Lois and Harry Strong of St. Joe; two grandchildren and four great-grandsons.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Harold, Keith, Ronald and Robert, and a great-grandson.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with Pastor Mike Barnett of the Hicksville Seventh Day Adventist Church officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is Monday after 3:30 p.m. and Tuesday after 9 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hicksville Unit For Crippled Children and Adults, and Fountain Manor Activity Department.

Evening Star, Sat., Jan. 6, 2001 (cont'd)

Michael Sechler

HAMILTON — Michael J. Sechler, 64, of Hamilton and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2001, at 6:30 p.m. in his home after an extended illness.

Mr. Sechler was a tool-and-die maker with Guide Engineering in Fort Wayne. He also was a member of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church near Waterloo.

He was born May 30, 1936, in Edgerton, Ohio to Harold J. and Alberta E. (Morgan) Sechler. His mother survives in Edgerton.

On Sept. 22, 1973, he married Ellie M. Dick in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Michael Spiegel of Decatur, Ill.; a daughter, Lisa Engstrom, of Decatur; two grandchildren; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Mary Vaughn of Edgerton, and JoAnn and Gary Jennings of Morganton, N.C.; and four brothers and five sisters-in-law, Richard and Norma Sechler of Garrett, Tom and Rita Sechler and Ronnie and Sharon Sechler, all of Edgerton, David and Robin Sechler of Bryan, Ohio, and Carol Morgan of Edgerton.

His father and a brother, Robert Morgan, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church near Waterloo, with Father Charles Herman officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Calling is Sunday after 4 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio. A recitation of the rosary will follow at 8:30 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Christine Sullins

FULTON COUNTY, Ohio — Christine Lee Sullins, 35, of Fremont, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2001, in Fulton County, Ohio.

She was born June 22, 1965, in Angola to Ned and Judy (Derby) Sullins. Her parents survive in Fremont.

Also surviving are a brother, Jeffrey of Fremont; a sister, Jaymie Munger of Ashley; and her grandparents, Wayne and Doris Derby of Morenci, Mich.

Funeral services will be held Monday at noon in Beams Funeral Home at Fremont. Calling will be Monday at the funeral home from 10 a.m.-noon.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont. Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Area Deaths

KIMMELL — **Larry J. Ort**, 70, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2001, at 10 a.m. Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Broadway Cemetery in Kimmell, where a military graveside service will be conducted by the North Webster American Legion Post. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Deaths & Funerals

Robert Meroney

LIGONIER — Robert J. Meroney, 79, of Ligonier, died at 6:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mr. Meroney was a farmer and had served on the Ligonier Fire Department for 17 years.

He was born Jan. 10, 1921, in Ligonier, to Floyd M. and Gertrude Rex Meroney.

On Aug. 6, 1941, he married Viva M. Huff. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Lanny Meroney, of Ligonier; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Marsha Rhodes of Fort Wayne, Carol and Paul Kehr of Granger, and Joy and Dale Friskney of Ligonier; a sister and brother-in-law, Marjorie and Max Musselman of Wawaka; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Jim Farrer officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Noble County Hospice, American Cancer Society, or Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Ethel Knisely

AUBURN — Ethel V. Knisely, 91, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2001, in Ruleme Nursing Center in Eustis, Fla.

Mrs. Knisely was born in Edgerton, Ohio, and lived in Garrett from 1955 to 1978, and in Auburn from 1978 to 1997.

She retired from General Electric in 1955 after 19 years. She was a homemaker and a member of the Women's Circle at First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

She is survived by a daughter, Wanda Harkless of Leesburg, Fla.; a stepson, Rodney Knisely of Miami, Fla.; and 13 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Dennis Ambrose, in 1935, her second husband, William Knisely in 1967, and two sons, Keith and Forest Ambrose.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Faith United Church of Christ.

Fred Baral

FREMONT — Fred L. Baral, 59, of Fremont, died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2001, in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mr. Baral was a self-employed plumber and owner of Fred L. Baral Plumbing and Heating of Fremont. He was in the plumbing business for 40 years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Orland American Legion and the Fremont Moose Lodge.

Mr. Baral was born Feb. 7, 1941, in Fort Wayne, to Howard and Ruth (Chandler) Baral.

He is survived by three sons, Charles E. Baral of Angola, Robert Lee Cayot of Fort Wayne and Dama M. Baral of Fremont; a daughter, Bonnie S. Baral of Fremont; a brother, Donald E. Baral of Fort Wayne; and seven grandchildren.

Services are 7 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Calling is Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Moose Heart (in care of the Fremont Moose Lodge), or to the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — **Victor P. Yoder**, 85, of Hicksville, Ohio, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2001. Services Monday at 9 a.m. at the family residence, 05237 Casebeer-Miller Road, Hicksville, with calling there all day today.

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — **Joyce E. Stickney**, 69, of Hicksville, Ohio, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2001. Services Monday at 2 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with calling from 9 a.m. until services and also after 2 p.m. today.

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Deaths/Funerals

Paul Linkmeyer

ANGOLA — Paul H. Linkmeyer, 84, of Angola, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2001, at University Park Nursing Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Linkmeyer was a service manager for Angola Ford for many years. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he was a master sergeant who served in Europe, earning the Bronze Star from the 5th Service Command in Fort Hayes, Ohio. He also served with the National Guard in Indianapolis and Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 9, 1916, in Lawrenceburg, to Martin and Anna (Bobrink) Linkmeyer.

He is survived by a niece, Mrs. Frank Blaudow of Brownsburg, Ind.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Carroll Linkmeyer, and a sister, Cathryn Wuest.

There will be no services or calling. Arrangements are being made by Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

LynDon Gurtner

SALINA, Kan. — LynDon "Lyn" D. Gurtner, 36, of Salina, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2001, in Salina, where he lived since April 1999.

Mr. Gurtner was a route manager for Schwan's Frozen Food Sales. He operated a farm south of Atwood, Kan., and in Cheyenne Wells, Colo. He had worked for Biofoam Corp. in Great Bend, Kan. He was a member of ATA Tae Kwon Do in Colby, Kan., and he loved camping, hunting and fishing with his children.

He was born Jan. 10, 1964, in Auburn to Sally (Carlson) and Eldon Lynn Gurtner. His mother survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are his wife, Traci, at home; three daughters, Amanda of Salina, Talitha of Marysville, Ohio, and Tanzia of Salina; a son, Tanner of Salina; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Carolyn and Dale Lundin of Colby, Kan.; two brothers, David Gurtner of Las Vegas, and Earl Gurtner of Fremont; and two sisters, Eldonna Wagonrod of Ohio City, Ohio, and Jolen Dailey of Edon, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his father, Eldon Lynn Gurtner, in 1983.

Services were held today at Ryan Mortuary, Salina, with the Rev. Eric Dailey and the Rev. Jim Lundin officiating. Burial was in Gypsum Hill Cemetery, Salina.

Memorials are to the Gurtner Children's Memorial, in care of Ryan Mortuary.

Shirley Cramer

KENDALLVILLE — Shirley A. Cramer, 61, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, following a sudden illness.

She was born June 11, 1939, in Kendallville to Claude Eugene and Mary Mae (Byrd) DeLong. She was a lifetime resident of the area.

On Oct. 12, 1960, she married Kenneth P. Cramer in Avilla. He died Nov. 19, 1998.

She was a secretary at Steckley's Mill for 16 years and worked at Lewger Machine for 12 years. She retired from EPI-Dana in 1999, after seven years.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffery and Shelly Cramer of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Terri and Jerry Smith, and Marcy and Rodney Fogle, all of Kendallville; three sisters, Imojean Wilson and Betty Dubois, both of Albion, and Linda DeLong of South Milford; two brothers, Jerry DeLong and Darrell DeLong, both of Kendallville; and eight grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, one brother, Charles DeLong, preceded her in death.

Services are Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, officiating. Burial is at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Diabetes Foundation or American Cancer Society.

Deaths/Funerals

Wade Foster

FREMONT — Wade Foster, 91, of Fremont, died Monday, Jan. 8, 2001, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Foster had retired as a Fremont grocery store owner and also belonged to the United Methodist Church, the cemetery board and the fire department in Fremont.

Mr. Foster

He was born Sept. 20, 1909, in Steuben County to George and Edith (Teeters) Foster. He married Mildred L. Penner, and she preceded him death on April 20, 1996.

Surviving are a son, Jerry, and a daughter, Janet Hankes, both of Fremont; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, David, in 1997; and grandsons Mark and Steven Hankes, in 1999 and 1982, respectively.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Calling is from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery. Memorials are to Fremont Cemetery in care of Roy Crandall, P.O. Box 57, Fremont, IN 46737.

Lewis Walter

CAPE CORAL, Fla. — Lewis H. Walter, 78, died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2001, in Cape Coral.

He was born in DeKalb County and was a retired printer. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps. He moved to Cape Coral in 1973 from Warsaw. He was a founding member of the Cape Coral Community Church and held membership in the Lee County Master Gardeners Club.

Surviving him are his wife of 30 years, Ruth; a brother, Russell Walter of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Mayola Walter of Butler; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Saturday at Cape Coral Community Church. Memorials are to the church.

Cape Coral Memorial Funeral Home in Cape Coral was in charge of arrangements.

Darrell Middleton

INDIANAPOLIS — Darrell D. Middleton, 39, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2000, in Community Hospital East in Indianapolis.

He lived in Indianapolis and was a third-degree black belt instructor in tae kwon do. He was a member of the Church of God in Fortville.

Mr. Middleton was born Sept. 13, 1961, in Springfield, Ill., to Norman and Dorothy (Hunter) Middleton. They survive in Rapid City, S.D.

Also surviving him are one daughter, Patricia Middleton of Chapel, Texas; two sons, Aaron Middleton and Nathan Middleton, both of Chapel Hill, Texas; three brothers, Daniel Middleton of Auburn, Howard Middleton of El Campo, Texas, and David Middleton of Lakeland, Ga.; and two sisters and one brother-in-law, Marlene and Keith Kaufman of Winchester, and Marilyn Fergeson of Anderson.

Services were held Jan. 3 in Saratoga Church of God in Saratoga, Ind. Burial was in Reitenour Cemetery, Ridgeville.

Walker Funeral Home, Winchester, was in charge of arrangements.

Charles Baird Sr.

AUBURN — Charles L. Baird Sr., 63, died Monday, Jan. 8, 2001, at 6 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Baird worked at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville and Boman & Albright in Waterloo before retiring in 1985 from Universal Tool & Stamping Co. in Butler.

He was born Feb. 14, 1937, in Waterloo to Clifford Leroy Baird and Edna C. (Sherwood) Baird. They preceded him in death.

He married Shirley Bowman on Aug. 20, 1955, in the Auburn United Methodist Church, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Charles "Kip" Baird Jr. of Auburn, Randall Baird of Fremont, and Jeffrey Baird of Waterloo; one brother, Buddy Baird of Butler; two sisters, Betty Custer of Garrett and Roma Baker of Waterloo; and 12 grandchildren.

One brother, Dick, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Children First Center, Auburn.

Anne Horman

ANGOLA — Anne Horman, 81, of Angola, died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2001, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

She was a homemaker and belonged to St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola.

She was born Nov. 1, 1919, in Margurite, Pa., to Andrew Sr. and Anna (Balough) Pristas.

On Jan. 2, 1943, she married Henry F. Horman, who preceded her in death on Jan. 26, 1992.

Surviving are two sons, David Horman of Angola and Donald Horman of Pleasant Lake; two daughters, Judith Garrett of Blairsville, Ga., and Barbara Conner of Bloomington; two brothers, Mike Pristas of Howell, Mich., and Joe Pristas of Florida; and five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Cathy Stuller; three brothers, John Pristas, Louis Pristas and Andy Pristas Jr.; and a sister, Mary McGuire.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Joyce Jump

AUBURN — Joyce M. Jump, 70, died Monday, Jan. 8, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She lived in Auburn and was retired from retail clothing sales. She was a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church and an auxiliary member of Mizpah Shrine, Scottish Rite and American Legion. She was born in Elgin, Ohio, and enjoyed bowling.

Surviving are her husband, Richard; a daughter, Debra Kimbel of Ossian; two sons, Bruce Jump of Grabill and Brian Jump of Noblesville; three brothers, Doyt and Ron Davies, both of Fort Wayne, and Ken Davies of Kendallville; and six grandchildren.

A sister, Carol Kelly, preceded her in death in 1999.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Resurrection Lutheran Church, 7401 Coldwater Road, Fort Wayne, with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Shriner's Children's Hospital, 2211 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago IL 60635.

Deaths/Funerals

Ethel Kandel

AUBURN — Ethel M. Kandel, 75, died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2001, at 6:30 a.m. in her home on Martz Drive, Auburn.

Mrs. Kandel was a homemaker and member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Auburn. She was a volunteer for the Girl Scouts of America.

She was born Jan. 1, 1926, in Brimfield to Carl and Margaret (Hofferman) Ackerman.

She married Herbert Kandel on Nov. 30, 1946, in Waterloo. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Karen Premer of Auburn, and Linda and Rick San Pietro of Fort Wayne; one brother, Dale Ackerman of Hamilton; two granddaughters, Stacy and Brandy Sparkman; and one great-granddaughter, Star Ella Sparkman.

Two sisters, Ruth Bishop and Rose Mary Peechy, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. Harvey Huntley Jr., pastor of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Arthritis Association.

Faye Hemry

FREMONT — Faye B. Hemry, 92, of Fremont, died Monday, Jan. 8, 2001, in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hemry was a homemaker. She was born in Whitley County on Sept. 1, 1908, to Clinton and Chloe Dell (Gillespie) Houtz.

On Feb. 23, 1932, she married Kenneth Hemry. He died Sept. 24, 1983.

Surviving are two sisters, Frances and Wilda Esterline, both of Hillsdale, Mich.; and a brother, Wilson Houtz, also of Hillsdale.

Three brothers and four sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 3 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is from 2-3 p.m. Friday at the funeral home

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Richard Parish

CHURUBUSCO — Richard W. Parish, 71, well-known Churubusco businessman, and a former resident of Churubusco and Columbia City, died early Sunday morning, Jan. 7, 2001, at his residence in Adel, Ga.

Mr. Parish was born in Smith Township, Whitley County, on Aug. 6, 1929, a son of Dwight and Estella (McCoy) Parish. He graduated from Churubusco High School in 1950, and as a young man served with both the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Air Force.

On Aug. 16, 1958, he married Marian Clayton in Churubusco, who survives. The couple spent the early years of their marriage in Columbus, Ga., where he was the sales manager for a local Chrysler-Plymouth dealership.

The couple moved to Churubusco in 1969 where he was employed as a truck driver for several years. A long-time business entrepreneur, he later owned and operated several businesses in Churubusco. He owned the Churubusco Western Auto Store, Townsend Laundromat and Dry Cleaners, Big A Auto Parts, Raypole Standard Service, and NAPA Auto Parts.

He owned and operated Pride Convenience Stores with locations in Churubusco, Columbia City, Auburn, Merriam and Syracuse, until retiring in 1999 when he permanently moved to Adel.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Adel, Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM, and the Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Richard "Rusty" Parish II and his wife, Merrie, of Columbia City, and Dwight Clayton "Clay" Parish of Churubusco; a daughter, April Boehme and her husband, Bruce, of LaOtto; a brother and his wife, Dallas P. and Gloria Parish of Churubusco; three sisters and their husbands, Carmen and David Horn of Roseville, Ohio, Donnis and Donald Goneau of Avilla, and Dwila and Donald Bloom of Alpharetta, Ga.; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by two half-brothers, Warren Disler and Randall K. Disler.

Services are 2 p.m. today at First United Methodist Church in Adel with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Adel.

Memorials are to the Hannah Clayton Scholarship Fund in care of Sheets Funeral Home, 206 N. Main St., Churubusco, IN 46723.

Robert Adams

FREMONT — Robert F. Adams, 79, of Fremont, died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2001, in Angola.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Adams was retired as a truck driver with Cello-foil Products in Battle Creek, Mich., and was a self-employed brick and stone mason.

He was a member of the Spoon Pluggers Fishing Club, and he enjoyed fishing and woodworking.

He was born Dec. 25, 1921, in St. Johns, Mich., to the Rev. Clark G. Adams and Ethel Adams.

On Nov. 16, 1946, in Angola, he married Violet L. Wells. She survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Barry N. Adams of Fremont and Bruce W. Adams of Angola; a daughter, Shannon Adams-Bowman of Indianapolis; a sister, Thelma Knight of Adrian, Mich.; two grandchildren and five step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Rex Scott Adams, in 1953; and three sisters.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Veterans Administration Medical Center Oncology Department, Fort Wayne.

June Chasey

BRYAN, Ohio — June Chasey, 96, died Monday, Jan. 8, 2001, at Harborside Healthcare Center, Bryan.

Mrs. Chasey was retired from her career as a teacher in Bryan city schools. She was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church of Bryan.

She was born March 22, 1904, in Pleasant Lake to John and Bessie (Lemmon) Matson.

She married Paul Chasey on Jan. 25, 1930. He died in 1995.

Surviving her are one son, Joseph P. Chasey of Chicago; two daughters, Nancy Walker of Montpelier, Ohio, and Montrue Mendel of Huntsville, Ala.; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Wesley United Methodist Church, Bryan, with the Rev. David David officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery in the spring.

There will be no calling. Rice Funeral Home, Bryan, is in charge of arrangements.

Evening Star, Wed., Jan. 10, 2001 (cont'd)

Robert Miller II

FORT WAYNE — Robert Lee Miller II, 42, died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2001, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was general manager of Jack Dee's Chevrolet & Cadillac in Kendallville. He began his lifelong career in the automobile business at age 12, working for his father at Bob Miller Ford in Waterloo. He also had been a sales manager at Bob Jackson Ford and Allen County Motors.

He was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Roman Catholic Church and the Leo-Cedarville post of Sons of the American Legion. He enjoyed automobiles and NASCAR racing. He was born in Coral Gables, Fla.

Surviving him are his wife, Jacqueline; three sons, Jeremy, Nicholas and Robert Lee Miller III, all of Fort Wayne; his mother, Patty Miller of Waterloo; and two brothers, John Miller of Grabill and Joe Miller of Auburn.

His father, Robert Dale Miller, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Charles Borromeo Roman Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the family.

Thelma Madden

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Thelma Madden, 93, died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2001, at 11:30 a.m. in Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital, where she had been a patient since Dec. 28.

Mrs. Madden had worked in the cafeteria at International Harvester Co. for several years.

She was born Dec. 4, 1907, in Harlan. She married Harlan E. Madden on Dec. 10, 1925, in Harlan. He died Jan. 21, 1981.

Surviving her are two sons, Junior Madden of Woodburn and Eugene Madden of Hicksville; seven daughters, Mary Potts and Gertrude Potts, both of Defiance, Ohio, Mildred Graham and Margaret Richardson, both of Fort Wayne, Betty Baker of Hicksville, Donna Osmun of Grabill, and Helen Young of Auburn; 43 grandchildren, 85 great-grandchildren, and 21 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Harold Madden, and two grandsons, Gilbert Zartman and Royce Osmun.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Minister Lloyd Turnbull will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is Friday after 3:30 p.m. and Saturday after 9 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hicksville Senior Citizens.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **George H. Mason,** 85, died of natural causes at 12:10 a.m. Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, LaGrange. Arrangements are pending at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

KENDALLVILLE — **Sandra J. Somers,** 61, died at 5:15 a.m. Monday at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville. There will be no services and no visitation. Burial will be at a later date at Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville.

LAGRANGE — **Michael A. Pierson,** 39, died at 11 p.m. Monday at his residence. Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Burial is in Matteson Cemetery, Bronson. Visitation is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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Deaths/Funerals

Kaye Ells

GARRETT — Kaye Marlene (Shuff) Ells, 56, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2001, in the evening at her Garrett home.

Mrs. Ells worked at Sheller-Globe for several years. She was a member of Garrett Presbyterian Church and the Friends Facing Cancer survivor support group.

She was born Jan. 15, 1944, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Harry and Lula (Lutz) Shuff. They preceded her in death.

She married John Wesley Ells on July 18, 1962, in Angola, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Julie Thomas of Garrett and Nancy Smith of Albion; one son, John Ells Jr. of Auburn; 10 sisters, Faye Ells and Claudia Hulbert, both of Auburn, Mary Snook and Kate Clady, both of Garrett, Jackie Walker, Janice Witte, Joan Mills and Rosanne Kinsey, all of St. Joe, Shirley Chapman of Butler, and Linda Sattison of Hamilton; four brothers, Robert Shuff of Auburn, James Shuff of Garrett, Chalmer Shuff of Arizona, and Bill Shuff of California; seven grandchildren and 42 nieces and nephews.

Three brothers, Harry Shuff Jr., Franklin Shuff and Maurice Shuff, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with Alan Fulgate officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Friends Facing Cancer survivor support group, in care of Denise Rigsby, 0417 County Road 27, Ashley IN 46705.

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Yolanda Wise

FORT WAYNE — Yolanda Wise, 79, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2001, at 10:47 a.m. in her Fort Wayne home. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Wise was born Feb. 28, 1921, in New York City.

Surviving her are her husband, John P. "Jack" Wise; four daughters, Diane Anastasi of Cranston, R.I., Angela Taylor of College Point, N.Y., Joyce Cotti of Coral Gables, Fla., and Stephanie Stine of Auburn; a stepson, Raymond John Wise of Stockbridge, Maine; one sister, 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Wilbur Lawrence Pugh,** 86, died Tuesday at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Kendallville. Services are 2 p.m. Friday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, Bluffton. Calling is an hour before services. Burial is in Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton.

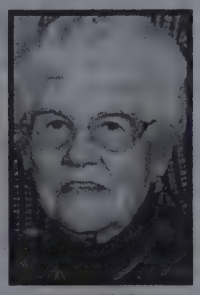
The Evening Star, Fri., Jan. 12, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Marian Foltz

ORLAND — Marian E. Foltz, 88, of Orland, died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2001, at her residence.

Mrs. Foltz had worked at the former Lewis Implement Store in Orland, at the Keyes Grocery Store in Orland and was the retired owner of a clothing store in Orland.



Mrs. Foltz

She was a member of the Orland Congregational Church, the Pilgrim Guild, the Millgrove Modern Homemakers Club, the Hoosier Hill Homemakers Club and card clubs in Angola and Fremont, including the Angola American Legion Card Club. She was a sports enthusiast and followed Prairie Heights and Tri-State University girls and women's sports. She enjoyed watching her granddaughters and great-granddaughters play sports.

She was born Aug. 5, 1912, in Angola, to George and Lydia (Showalter) Sellers.

On Aug. 13, 1933, she married Carl O. Foltz. He preceded her in death on July 10, 1982.

Surviving are a daughter, Karen Covell of Orland; a son, Gary Foltz of Lecanto, Fla.; a sister, Pauline Eyer of Florida; a brother, Warren Sellers of Georgia; and eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and five brothers.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Mark Emelander officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling is from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health and Hospice or Orland Congregational Church.

Jessica Stetler

FORT WAYNE — Jessica L. Stetler, an infant, died Monday, Jan. 8, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She is survived by her parents, Danny W. and Tambra L. (Jenkins) Stetler; a brother, Michael W. Stetler; and four grandparents, Willard N. and Linda L. Stetler and Larry and Sherie Jenkins, all of Fremont.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Samantha Stetler.

There will be no services or calling.

Arrangements are being made by D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Deaths/Funerals

Charles Edwin Brown

HAMILTON — Charles Edwin Brown, 69, of Hamilton died Friday, Jan. 12, 2001 at home.

He worked for the maintenance department of the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County, retiring in 1981. He also worked for the Gwinnett County Schools in Georgia, and recently for Angola Wal-Mart, retiring in July 2000.

He was a member of Pleasant Lake Baptist Church, Angola Masonic Lodge 236, the Angola Moose Lodge and the Nightcrawlers. For 11 years he was a member of the Angola Fire Department. He was manager of the Angola A & W Root Beer stand from 1966 to 1973.

He was born Oct. 7, 1931, in Toccoa, Ga., to Paul J. and Mary (Adams) Brown. On July 5, 1951, he married Barbara Nelms who survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are a son, Charles Dennis Brown of Clermont, Fla.; two daughters, Paulette Crile of Stockbridge, Ga., and Patricia Rickman of Ashley; a brother, Oris Brown of Commerce, Ga.; a sister, Ann Autry of Commerce, Ga.; six grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and numerous step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Pauline Dooley, and a grandson, Charles Robert Brown.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Burial will be at Meadow Baptist Cemetery, Comer, Ga.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society of Cameron Hospice.

Verlyn Cook

BERNE — Verlyn J. Cook, 84, of Swiss Village Retirement Center, Berne, and formerly of Geneva, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2001, at 8:40 p.m. at Adams County Memorial Hospital, Decatur.

She was a telephone operator in Geneva for several years. She worked for Berco in Berne and retired from CTS in Berne. She was a member of Calvary Bible Church, Berne.

She was born Aug. 30, 1916 in Adams County to Ralph C. Smitley Jr. and Alt May (Yaney) Smitley. In January 1936, in Berne, she married Albert Leroy Cook who preceded her in death Dec. 10, 1957.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Marlene and Richard Zeigler of Monroe, Margaret and Don Snow of Geneva and Donna and Larry Habegger of Berne; two sisters; Margie Andrews of Angola and Lela Kelly of Lakeland, Fla.; two brothers, Darrol and Joyce Smitley, both of Geneva; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Downing Funeral Home, Geneva, with Pastor David Knell officiating. Burial will be at West Lawn Cemetery, Geneva.

Calling is 2 to 5 and 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday and 1 hour before the service Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Calvary Bible Church, Berne, or the Adams County Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Merrill M. Mishler**, 85, of LaGrange died at 9:50 p.m. Thursday at Vencor Hospital—LaGrange. Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, with calling there from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

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Claude V. Myers

ETNA — Claude V. Myers, 81, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2001, at his home.

Mr. Myers was born Aug. 25, 1919, in Etna Troy Township, Whitley County, to William Franklin and Della Katherine (Mabie) Myers.

He completed his education at the Etna School and Troy Center School. Mr. Myers was a dairy and grain farmer in Etna and a member of Etna United Methodist Church.

In September 1940, he married Elsie Jane Prescott, who preceded him in death in 1951. Before her death, the couple made their home near Larwill, later moving to Leesburg.

On July 19, 1952, Mr. Myers married Shirley R. Cole, who survives. They made there home in Leesburg until they moved to their current residence in Etna Troy Township in 1960.

Mr. Myers is also survived by four sons, Harry Lee of Lafayette, Stephen G. of Syracuse, Daniel A. of Etna and Robert I. of Columbia City; five daughters, Phyllis Jean Wright of Plymouth, Deborah A. Slabach of Fremont, and Wendy G. Myers, Brenda J. Boles and Cynthia L. Myers, all of Columbia City; 33 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Myers was also preceded in death by three brothers, six sisters, and twin great-grandsons.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastors Karen Biddle and Orlo Hibbs officiating. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery in Wilmot.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Etna United Methodist Church.

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Kate M. Birky

GOSHEN — Kate M. Birky, 96, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2001, at 8:45 p.m. at Greencroft Nursing Home.

Mrs. Birky

She had been in declining health and had lived at the nursing center since 1991.

Mrs. Birky was born October 23, 1904 in LaGrange County to Dan and Magdelena (Egli) Miller. She was a homemaker and an active member of Shore Mennonite Church.

On Feb. 24, 1926, in Manson, Iowa, she married Albert R. Birky, who preceded her in death in 1992. Mrs. Birky moved to Shipshewana in 1966 from Conneautville, Pa.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Lester; and three sisters and three brothers.

Surviving are three daughters, Dorothy Mishler of Shipshewana, and Marjorie Hooley and Joyce McCreary, both of Goshen; two sons, Ivan of Shipshewana and Vernon of Goshen.

She is also survived by three sisters, Silda Birky and Alice Oswald, both of Conneaut Lake, Pa., and Myrtle Myers of Goshen; and a brother, Sanford Miller of Goshen.

Other survivors include nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, one stepgrandchild, and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana, with the Rev. Carl Horner and the Rev. Brent Eash officiating.

Arrangements are being handled by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury.

Calling is at the church from 3-8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to funeral services.

Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Memorials are to Shore Mennonite Church.

Nadean Wellman

LIGONIER — Nadean Wellman, 81, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2001, at 1:35 a.m. at Carriage Manor Health Care.

She had been seriously ill since Dec. 19.

Mrs. Wellman was born June 30, 1919, in Ligonier to Ira and Cora (Swigart) Yoder. She was a lifetime resident of Ligonier, and had lived at Carriage Manor Health Care the last two years.

On May 11, 1946, she married Lee Wellman in Ligonier. He preceded her in death on Sept. 2, 1985.

She was also preceded in death by one brother and one grandson.

Mrs. Wellman was a homemaker and member of Ligonier United Methodist Church.

She was active in Good Samaritans, Golden Girls and the Perry Township Home Ec Club where she had served as secretary for many years. She enjoyed sewing.

Surviving are two sons, James R. of Goshen and Jerry D. of Kimmell; and seven daughters, Evelyn Winebrenner of Albion, Rosalie Greene of Tempe, Ariz., Ruth Prater of Warsaw, Coral Moore of Goshen, Janet Allen of Cromwell, Linda Knafel of Albion, and Nelda Kruger of Goshen.

She is also survived by 22 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Brenda Ginder officiating.

Calling is from 3-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation.

Merrill Mishler

LAGRANGE — Merrill M. Mishler, 85, of LaGrange died at 9:50 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2001, at Vencor Hospital—LaGrange.

He was a dairy farmer and the founder of Super Blend Inc. of LaGrange. He lived all his life in LaGrange County. In his early years he worked as an ice delivery man, then with his Uncle John in his butcher shop. He later did house-to-house butchering for individuals. He was employed as a meat cutter at markets in Shipshewana, LaGrange and Howe. He was active in the agriculture community. A member of Shore Mennonite Church, he served on many boards and committees within the Mennonite Church. From 1943 to 1946 he served in Civilian Public Service in Iowa, Delaware, Montana and Colorado.

He was born Oct. 2, 1915, on Shipshewana to Milton J. and Mary (Yoder) Mishler. On Oct. 2, 1938, he married Helen J. Miller, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Ruth and Edwin Basinger of Tulsa, Okla., Rose and Philip Miller of LaGrange, and Retha Filhart of Coleman, Mich.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John and Mary Mishler, and James Mishler, all of LaGrange; a sister, Irene Yoder of Syracuse; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Glenn Mishler.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, with the Revs. Carl Horner and Dean Brubaker officiating. Burial will be at Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is 2 to 6 p.m. today.

Memorials are to Bethany Christian Schools in Goshen or Gideons International.

Arrangements are by Fruriip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Sherry M. Eggert

SHIPSHEWANA — Sherry M. Eggert, 53, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2001, at 4:40 p.m. at her home in Shipshewana.

She had been in declining health, suffering from cancer.

Mrs. Eggert

Mrs. Eggert was born Nov. 19, 1947, in Grand Rapids, Mich. to Albert and Maxine (Latimer) VandenBosch.

She grew up in the LaGrange County area and lived in Alaska for several years before returning to the area in 1997.

On April, 18, 1970, she married Ronn W. Eggert in Kansas City, Mo. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Tonya Reneé Morana of Onset, Mass., and Anjanette C. Reisinger of Shipshewana. She is also survived by two grandchildren, Seth and Gabriel Reisinger of Shipshewana.

Other survivors are three sisters, Donna Brown of Shipshewana, Juanita Willman of Acworth, Ga, and Mary Kaylor of Holland, Mich.; and a brother, David of Twin Lake, Mich.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Alvin, and her parents.

Mrs. Eggert was an insurance agent for more than 20 years in Alaska. She was an agent with Nationwise for the last 13 years, and an agent with State Farm Insurance prior to that.

She was a member of Shipshewana Nazarene Church, active in the choir and the Caravan children's program.

She was also a member of Eagle River Nazarene Church at Eagle River, Alaska. She was active there in the Caravan children's program and served on the board of directors as the NWMS president.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor David Stults and the Rev. Ralph Hill officiating.

Burial will be in Keightley Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to Elkhart General Hospice and United Cancer Services of LaGrange County.

Betty Van Wagner

ANGOLA — Betty Van Wagner, 76, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2001, at her home in Angola.

Mrs. Van Wagner was born Aug. 29, 1924, in Rye, N.H. to Pearly and Florence Rand.

On Jan. 21, 1966, she married Bill Van Wagner, who preceded her in death on Sept. 4, 1989.

Mrs. Van Wagner was an accountant for Klink Trucking Co. She also worked at Stone Street Gravel and State Line Gravel. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church.

Surviving are a son, Gary Powell of Fremont; a daughter, Gaile Wolf of Avilla; three stepsons, Eric and Mark Van Wagner, both of Angola, and Scott Van Wagner of Huntsville, Ala.; 17 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Gregory and Grant Powell; and two brothers, Charles and Dick Rand.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with Dr. Bob Koenig officiating.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Memorials are to Steuben County Cancer and Fort Wayne Oncology.

Betty J. Adair

ROME CITY — Betty J. Adair, 82, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2001, at 5:50 p.m. at her residence. She had been in failing health the past two years and was surrounded by her family at the time of her death.

Mrs. Adair was born July 19, 1918, in Fort Wayne to John and Cecilia (Mettler) Poiry. She was a graduate of St. Peters Commercial High School in Fort Wayne, and she won the Fort Wayne City Tennis Championship in 1931.

Mrs. Adair

On Sept. 14, 1940, she married Floyd Adair in Rome City. She moved to Rome City in 1952, where she was an active member of the Rome City United Methodist Church and a member of the United Methodist Women Club.

In 1985, she retired from the Monsanto Co. after 21 years of service.

Mrs. Adair loved hunting for sapphires, attending band concerts, plays, Liberace concerts and making others happy. Above all, she loved her family and received great joy sharing their lives.

Many of her summers were spent out West visiting her children and grandchildren living in Montana and California.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Richard; and two sisters, Mary Agnes Roembke and Georgiana Rue.

Surviving are two daughters, Linda Donley of Rome City and Laura Fox of Missoula, Mont.; a son, John of Lancaster, Calif.; a brother, Paul of Fort Wayne; two grandsons, Mark Donley of Rome City and Alan Fox of Missoula, Mont.; two granddaughters, Molly Joyal of Fort Wayne and LaRae Adair of Long Beach, Calif.; and a great-granddaughter, Kaitlyn Joyal of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Rome City United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Dr. Harold North officiating.

Calling is Monday at the church from 1 p.m. until the time of funeral services.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is handling the arrangements.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery at Brimfield.

Memorials are to Parkview-Noble Home Health & Hospice or to the Rome City United Methodist Church.

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Charles Edwin Brown

HAMILTON — Charles Edwin Brown, 69, of Hamilton died Friday, Jan. 12, 2001 at home.

Mr. Brown worked for the maintenance department of the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County, retiring in 1981. He also worked for Gwinnett County Schools in Georgia, and recently for Angola Wal-Mart, retiring in July 2000.

Brown

He was a member of Pleasant Lake Baptist Church, Angola Masonic Lodge 236, the Angola Moose Lodge and the Nightcrawlers. For 11 years he was a member of the Angola Fire Department. He was manager of the Angola A&W Root Beer stand from 1966 to 1973.

He was born Oct. 7, 1931, in Toccoa, Ga., to Paul J. and Mary (Adams) Brown.

On July 5, 1951, he married Barbara Nelms. She survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are a son, Charles Dennis Brown of Clermont, Fla.; two daughters, Paulette Crile of Stockbridge, Ga., and Patricia Rickman of Ashley; a brother, Oris Brown of Commerce, Ga.; a sister, Ann Autry of Commerce, Ga.; six grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and numerous step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Pauline Dooley, and a grandson, Charles Robert Brown.

Services were today at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Burial will be at Meadow Baptist Cemetery, Comer, Ga.

Calling took place Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society of Cameron Hospice.

Mathias Klinger

AUBURN — Mathias J. "Matt" Klinger, 88, died today, Jan. 15, 2001, at 5:35 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Klinger worked in production control scheduling at Auburn Foundry for 19 years, retiring in 1988. He lived in Auburn and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

He was born April 17, 1912, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Edward O. and Antoinette (Gross) Klinger. They preceded him in death.

He married Leona M. Eisel on June 27, 1934, in West Virginia, and she survives.

Also surviving him are one son and daughter-in-law, George and Glema Klinger of Florida; four sisters, Mary Baucher and Dorothy Straitiff, both of Pennsylvania, Antoinette Hogan of New York, and Lucille Graves of Florida; three grandchildren, Tina Buchs of Waterloo, Lori Blylock of Garrett and Valerie Barton of Angola; 11 great-grandchildren, Mark Buchs of Butler, Mary Buchs and Marcia Buchs, both of Auburn, Matt Buchs of Waterloo, Dawn Bair, Daniel Bair, Rebekah Bair and Lydia Bair, all of Garrett, Shawna Klinger of Fremont, and Adam Barton and Beth Barton, both of Angola; and two great-great-grandsons, Dalton and Dillon Buchs of Butler.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 9 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Father Chuck Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

Additional calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home. A rosary service will take place Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Bernard Whonsetler

HAMILTON — Bernard L. "Bernie" Whonsetler, 72, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2001, at Ohio Medical College in Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. Whonsetler had been the president of Hicksville Bank. He lived at Hamilton Lake for the past seven years and formerly lived in Hicksville.

He graduated from Huntertown High School in 1947 and then worked in the quality control department of International Harvester in Fort Wayne. He later worked at Schlatter's Hardware in Fort Wayne. He worked at Farmers and Merchants Bank as an assistant cashier, beginning in 1950. He became assistant cashier at Hicksville Bank in 1954 and graduated from the Wisconsin School of Banking in Madison, Wis., in 1959.

He served as clerk and member of the Hicksville School Board. He was a member of the Four County Vocational Board, Hicksville Village Council, Park Board, Hicksville Development Corp., Fountain Manor Board, Defiance and Henry County Bankers Association, Agriculture Committee, Eastern Star of Churubusco, and the Masonic Lodge of Hicksville.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Hicksville. He was a past president of the Hicksville Rotary Club, where he had 40 years of perfect attendance. He was Rotary Citizen of the Year in 1982 and was a Rotary 660 governor's aide.

He was born Oct. 1, 1928, in LaOtto in Noble County to Chester and Gertrude (DeHoff) Whonsetler.

He married Esther Heinger on Aug. 12, 1950, in Bluffton, and she survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Janet Hostetler of Littleton, Colo., Paula Cline of Oregon, Ohio, Susan Guilford of Hicksville, and Mary Lou Nichols of Bryan, Ohio; one son, Craig Whonsetler of Fort Wayne; one sister, Jean Thrush of LaOtto; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Catherine Moore; one brother, Robert Whonsetler; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in St. John Lutheran Church, Hicksville, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Pastor Pentti Maki will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Additional calling is Tuesday after 5 p.m. and Wednesday after 9 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Memorials are to the church or the American Cancer Society.

Evening Star, Mon., Jan. 15, 2001 (cont'd)

Robert Chorpenning

WATERLOO — Robert J. Chorpenning, 46, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2001, at the VA Hospital in Jackson, Mich.

Mr. Chorpenning was self-employed in the pallet business. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was born Oct. 2, 1954, in Garrett. His mother, Vivian Fike Chorpenning Curry, survives in Waterloo and his father, Earl Chorpenning, is deceased.

Surviving are a brother, James Chorpenning, and a half-brother, Tim Curry.

His stepfather, Wayne Curry, also preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. Byron Bloom will officiate. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Memorials are to the Waterloo Church of the Nazarene.

Adrian Dickey

SHERWOOD, Ohio — Adrian Dickey, 90, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2001, at Community Hospital of Williams County, Bryan, Ohio.

Born in DeKalb County, he was a farmer and had worked at Sherwood Elevator. He had also worked at Defiance Precision Products for more than 19 years and was a school bus driver.

Surviving are his wife, Marie; two sons, Ernest and Lee, both of Sherwood; two daughters, Mary Rosbrock and Thelma Nearing, both of Sherwood; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and a brother, Theodore Dickey of Kendallville.

Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at Sherwood United Methodist Church, with burial in Sherwood Cemetery.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Rice Funeral Home, Sherwood.

Memorials to the church or donor's choice.

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Marie Smith

FORT PIERCE, Fla. — Marie Pearlstone Smith, 83, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2001, at 5:30 a.m. in Fort Pierce, Fla.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and lived in Fort Pierce for four months of the year. She also lived in Waterloo.

She was born April 19, 1917, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to John and Rose (Ludders) Middleton.

Her first husband, William Pearlstone, preceded her in death. Her second husband, Walter Smith, survives.

Also surviving are one son, Donald K. Blomquist of Wall Kill, N.Y.; two daughters, Elberta Garrison of Wall Kill, and Katherine Seymour of Walden, N.Y.; three stepsons, Arnold Pearlstone of Connecticut, John Martin Smith of Auburn, and the Rev. Charles Smith of Rockford, Mich.; one stepdaughter, Julie Hunter of Fort Myers Beach, Fla; two grandchildren, 15 stepgrandchildren; one great-grandchild, and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

One daughter, Diane Finkelstein, and one brother, Howard Middleton, preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the chapel at Forest Hill Memorial Cemetery in Fort Pierce. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Dorris Bales

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Dorris Pearl Bales, 91, of Port Charlotte, Fla., died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2000.

She was born Dec. 8, 1908, in Williams County, Ohio, to Stephen and Christina (Rockey) Batterson, and graduated from Pioneer (Ohio) High School.

She married Clyde Bales and they lived in Fort Wayne, Columbia City and Pioneer. They operated Bales Hardware in Pioneer until retiring and moving to Florida 20 years ago.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Debbie Bales; two grandchildren; two nieces, Mina Batterson of Auburn and Wanda Tritch of Pleasant Lake; and a brother, Kirby Lee Batterson.

A sister, Grace May Reese, preceded her in death.

Services were held in Florida.

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Bessie Miller

WOLCOTTVILLE — Bessie A. Miller, 95, died at 12:15 a.m. Monday, Jan. 15, 2001, at Blackford County Hospital in Hartford City.

She was born Dec. 21, 1905, in DeKalb County to Samuel and Alice (McClish) Perkins.

On Jan. 30, 1926, she married Cecil C. Miller in Ashley. He preceded her in death on Oct. 12, 1961.

She moved to Gas City four years ago to reside with her daughter.

Mrs. Miller was a member of Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in Ashley, and attended Marion Church of the Brethren, where she was very active in the women's group. She was also a member of the Homemakers Club in Wolcottville.

Surviving are five sons, Russell Miller of Animas, N.M., Gene Miller of Corunna, David Miller of Greenville, S.C., Paul Miller of Waterloo, and Thomas Miller of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Marjorie Mitchell of Albion; Ann Miller of Ligonier; Judy Harter of Gas City, and Jane Shibler of Fremont; a sister, Ruth Stackhouse of Kendallville; a brother, Ford Perkins of Hudson; 48 grandchildren; 86 great-grandchildren; and 31 great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were two sons, Joseph and Wayne, along with four sisters, two brothers, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services are Thursday at 11 a.m. at Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in Ashley with the Revs. Jeff Fackler and Allen Kahler officiating. Burial will follow at Fairfield Center Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Richard Stuart

AVILLA — Richard L. Stuart, 75, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born at Wolf Lake, he retired in 1989 as a warehouse supervisor from Oren-VanAman in Fort Wayne after 33 years. He was a World War II Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Donna; a son, Michael D. Stuart of Garrett; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to American Diabetes Association or American Heart Association.

Arrangements by McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Mary Cassel

ANGOLA — Mary Louise Cassel, 92, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2001, in Lakeland Nursing Center at Angola.

Mrs. Cassel was a homemaker, born March 6, 1908, in Ohio City, Ohio, to Dan and Janet M. (Pool) Kline. She married Paul Wendle Cassel on June 23, 1924. He died Dec. 18, 1974.

Surviving are one son, Jack W. Cassel, of Ellenton, Fla.; six grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two children, Robert Lee Cassel and Donna L. Rothrock; three brothers, Lawrence William Kline, Charles Sylvester Kline and Ross Kline; and two sisters, Cleo Steiner and Hazel VanTilburg.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Cowan & Son Funeral Home in Van Wert, Ohio, with the Rev. Paul W. Miller officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Ohio City.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

The Evening Star, Wed., Jan. 17, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

George Mason

LAGRANGE — George H. Mason, 85, formerly of Howe, died at 12:10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, LaGrange.

He was born Dec. 24, 1915, in Fort Wayne to Harley and Rebecca Mason.

Mr. Mason was self-employed at Mason Feed Service and Marco Campers. He also served as a township trustee for 10 years in Lima Township, where he lived most of his life. He was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Parish, Howe.

On Sept. 27, 1941, he married Helen Prough in Auburn. She died Dec. 30, 1992.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Gloria and Robert Frye of LaGrange and Kay and Hollie Greathouse of El Dorado, Calif; two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas H. and Sherry Mason of Howe and George R. and Becky Mason of LaGrange; a brother, Walter Mason of Phoenix, Ariz.; and two sisters, Kathryn Kanouse of Sturgis, Mich., and Louise Norris of LaGrange.

He was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Karla C. Mason.

There will be a memorial service at St. James Chapel, Howe, at 11 a.m. Saturday. The family will meet friends at the church an hour prior to the service. Burial of cremated remains will take place at Riverside Cemetery immediately following the service.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home.

Evening Star, Wed., Jan. 17, 2001 (cont'd)

Sally Noll

ASHLEY — Sally J. Noll, 53, of Ashley died at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was born in Garrett on Oct. 13, 1947, to James and Jessie (Campbell) Dove.

On Oct. 16, 1965, she married Johnny (Joe) Noll in Ashley.

She lived in Ashley since 1970 and was a homemaker. She was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church, Ashley.

Surviving are her husband; her mother, Jessie Dove of Ashley; a son, Todd Noll of Ashley; a daughter, Yvette Carper of Butler; a sister, Carol Coler of Hudson; a brother, Gary Dove of Ashley; and two grandchildren, Alexandria and Carnation Noll.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Burial is in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials aare to the church or DeKalb Home Health Care.

Roger Russell

LEESBURG, Fla. — Roger William Russell, 81, died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2001, at his home in Leesburg, Fla.

Mr. Russell formerly lived in Auburn. He worked for the Fruehauf Trailer Co. in Fort Wayne for 42 years before retiring and moving to Florida in 1982.

He graduated from Auburn High School in 1938 and from International Business College in Fort Wayne in 1942. He was a Mason and a member of Scottish Rite and the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

He was born Oct. 26, 1919, in Bluffton to Gerald and Agnes (Reiff) Russell.

Surviving are a sister, Ruthann Buttermore of Auburn; three nephews, Brad Buttermore and Gregg Buttermore, both of Auburn, and Eric Buttermore of Houston; and a great-nephew, Adam Buttermore of Fort Wayne.

A graveside service will be held in Bluffton at a future date.

All Faiths Cremation Society of Lady Lake, Fla., is handling arrangements.

The Evening Star, Thurs., Jan. 18, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Janet Maier

AUBURN — Janet L. Maier, 66, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2001, at 5:10 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a registered nurse for 20 years, working at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne and DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. She lived on North Main Street in Auburn.

She was born March 31, 1934, in Auburn to William and Mary (Dominey) LaMarr.

Surviving her are two sons and one daughter-in-law, James William Maier of Auburn and David Eric and Helga Maier of Danbury, Conn.; two daughters and one son-in-law, Amanda Arlene Maier of Auburn and Anne Elizabeth and and Brian Scott Likens of Auburn; three sisters, Naomi Rakestraw and Betty Taylor, both of Auburn, and Emily Farmer; and four grandchildren, Christopher Michael Pero, Jessica Gahimer, Kellen Mitchener and Charles Maier.

Four sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Burrus officiating. A private burial will take place at a later date.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Linda Ann Beard

ALBION — Linda Ann Beard, 51, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2001, at her sister's home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a cashier at Lopez Grocery.

Surviving are her husband, Robert; a son, Chris Keesler of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Melissa Aranda and Tammy Riley, both of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Rebecca and Renee Beard, both of Minnesota; her mothers, Eleanor Miller and Betty Lou Worman, both of Fort Wayne; a brother, James Worman Sr. of Fort Wayne; 10 sisters, Debbie Luna, Georgann Minnick, Loretta Lopez, Gloria Worman and Vickie Malott, all of Fort Wayne; Patricia Shaw of New Port Richie, Fla., Brenda Weaver and April Baker, both of Hicksville, Ohio, Paula Canter of Garrett and Sara Lowery of Huntertown; and five grandchildren.

Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Evening Star, Thurs., Jan. 18, 2001 (cont'd)

Edith Firestone

ASHLEY — Edith Firestone, 85, died today, Jan. 18, 2001, at 2:30 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Firestone was a homemaker and lived in Ashley.

She was born March 2, 1915, in Leesburg, Ky., to Reuben and Carrie (Carpenter) Dixon.

She married Lawrence L. Firestone on July 25, 1946, in Rome City. He died Dec. 5, 1998.

Surviving her are one son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Lori Firestone of Fremont; one brother, Gerald Dixon of Kentucky; one sister, Joyce Collins of California; eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Ralph Clark and Phil Clark, three brothers and five sisters.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 12:30 p.m. in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Saturday from 11 a.m.-noon in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Iva Simmons

ASHLEY — Iva E. Simmons, 94, died today, Jan. 18, 2001, at 4:10 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Simmons was a homemaker and a former Ashley resident. She was a former employee of the World War II munitions plant in Dixon, Ill., the Freeman Shoe Co. of Dixon, and the Governor Menard Home in Chester, Ill. She was a member of the Dixon United Methodist Church and attended the Ashley United Methodist Church.

She was born Sept. 3, 1906, in Chester, Ill., to Harvey and Gracey Ann (Kirk) Yankey.

She married Clarence P. Simmons in 1941 in St. Louis, Ill., and he died July 5, 1972.

Surviving her are one son, Joseph Eugene Lybarger of Dixon; one daughter, Wanda Ruth Delucenay of Ashley; one brother, Roy Yankey of St. Louis, Mo.; one sister, Clara Williamson of Elkhart; seven grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

One grandson, three sisters and two brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 6 p.m. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery in Chester.

Memorials are to the Ashley United Methodist Church.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Sister Bertha Maria Gohna,** 92, died at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, with Father Daniel Leeuw officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Avilla. Calling after 4 p.m. today at Provena Sacred Heart Home with a wake at 7 p.m.

GRAND LEDGE, Mich. — **Ronald J. Leitch,** 75, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2001. Services are at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Grand Ledge Church of the Nazarene, with interment in Oakwood Cemetery. Calling is today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.

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Deaths/Funerals

Enno Richter

FLORENCE, S.C. — Enno H. Richter, 87, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2001, at 9:20 a.m. in Commander Nursing Center in Florence, where he had been a patient for the last month.

Richter

He retired in 1973 as a machine operator at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne, with 31 years of service. He had been a resident of Florence for over two years. He moved to Fort Wayne from Missouri as a youth and spent most of his life in Allen County. He and his wife spent winters in Orange City, Fla., for many years.

Mr. Richter was born May 6, 1913, in Whittenberg, Mo., to Joseph and Bertha (Vogel) Richter.

He married Eleanor H. Hollopeter on April 3, 1936, in Fort Wayne. She died Jan. 12, 1992.

Surviving him are a son and daughter-in-law, Stanley and Barbara Joan Richter of Auburn; his companion, Norma Austin of Florence; three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, one stepgrandchild, and a stepgreat-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by one son, Larry Richter; a great-grandson, Cory Lee; a stepgreat-granddaughter, Melinda Rybolt; and three brothers.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Lane Burgland of Faith Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Ruth Rensberger

GREENWOOD, S.C. — Ruth Rensberger, formerly of Kendallville, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2001, in Greenwood after a brief illness.

She had lived in Greenwood for the past several years.

She was born March 2, 1911, in Garrett to John D. and Cora (Frederick) Grimm. She married Sherman Casselman, who preceded her in death in 1971. In 1975 she married Harry Rensberger, who preceded her in death in 1976.

Surviving are a daughter, Carolyn Strom of Greenwood; a stepdaughter, Sharon Pankop of Cadiz, Ky.; a brother, Ralph Grimm of Arkansas; two grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Prudence Emmons, in 1991.

Memorials are to the piano fund at St. Mark United Methodist Church, 550 Highway 72, Bypass NW, Greenwood, SC 29649-1300.

Pearl Stemen

AUBURN — Pearl P. Stemen, 88, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2001, in Wesley Healthcare Center, Auburn.

Mrs. Stemen was a homemaker and lived in Auburn.

She was born Oct. 11, 1912, in Waterloo to Elsa A. and Nellie M. (Casselman) Rowe.

She married Charles E. Stemen on March 9, 1932, in Auburn. He died Oct. 20, 1995.

Surviving her are two sons, Lyle Stemen and DeWayne Stemen, both of Auburn; one brother, Virgil Eugene Rowe of Auburn; five grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson.

Four brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn. There will be no calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

ELKHART — **Carl F. Moser**, 64, died Thursday at Goshen General Hospital. Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Military services will be held at Sumnerville Cemetery, Sumnerville, Mich. Calling is 3-6 p.m. Sunday and 3-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

HARTFORD CITY — **Brian Dewayne Cameron**, 33, died Tuesday, at home. Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Keplinger Funeral Home, Hartford City with calling there 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. today and two hours before the service Saturday.

SOUTH WHITLEY — **Junior Dean King,** 73, died Thursday at home. Services are 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

WARSAW — **Frank Louis Nichols,** 76, died Sunday at Odessa Regional Hospital, Odessa, Texas. No services. Calling is 1-5 p.m. Saturday at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw.

WARSAW — **Helen L. Nichols,** 66, died Wednesday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

GOSHEN — **Doris Gibson Cripe,** 69, died Thursday at home. Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, with calling there 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Julia Schulthess

GARRETT — Julia K. Schulthess, 94, died Friday, Jan. 19, 2001, at 8:15 a.m. in Towne House Health Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Schulthess was a homemaker and had worked as a sales associate at a variety of stores. She was a lifelong Garrett resident before moving to the Towne House Health Center four years ago.

She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, and a charter member and past president of Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Alpha Rho Chapter.

She was born Oct. 10, 1906, in Garrett, to Samuel D. and Mary E. (Melendy) Johnston. On June 20, 1928, she married Howard W. Schulthess.

She is survived by a daughter, Judith Ruoff of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Christopher Ruoff of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter, Sarah Ruoff of Fort Wayne; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1963; her father and mother; two sisters, Pauline Jautz and Burmadetta McDowell; two brothers, Paul and Buford Johnston; and a grandson.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Dr. R. Larry Smith and the Rev. Robin Valdez officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett Public Library Foundation or Garrett United Methodist Church.

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Justin Geiger

FORT WAYNE — Justin Thomas Geiger, 18 months old, died Monday, Jan. 15, 2001, at 1:30 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born July 18, 1999, in Fort Wayne to Tim and Brenda (Hamilton) Geiger. They survive in Fort Wayne.

Geiger

Also surviving him are his brother, Eric, at home; and his grandparents, Dwight and Betty Geiger of Churubusco, and Bob and Sue Hamilton of Fort Wayne.

Services were held Thursday at 2 p.m. in D.O McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Lutheran Children's Hospital Cancer Center.

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Deaths & Funerals

Carl Moser Sr.

ELKHART — Carl F. Moser, 64, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2001, at 3:21 a.m. at Goshen General Hospital. He had been in failing health since September.

Mr. Moser had been a resident of Elkhart for 12 years after moving from Ligonier. He was a heavy equipment driver for Northern Indiana Construction for the last 11 years. He served in the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the Bristol post of the American Legion. He enjoyed fishing.

He was born Sept. 17, 1936, in Ligonier to George and Polly (Huss) Moser.

On Jan. 7, 1993, in Elkhart he married Sarah Hambright, who survives in Elkhart.

Also surviving are three sons, Carl F. Moser Jr. of Glendale, Ariz., Kevin Moser of Brea, Calif. and Bryan Moser of Jones, Mich.; a daughter, Sondra Martin of Edwards, Calif.; a stepson, Wayne Bennett of Elkhart; six brothers, George B. of Osceola, Howard of Syracuse, the Rev. Gregg Moser of Stockton, Calif., Richard and Kent of Ligonier and Brent of Pewamo, Mich.; eight sisters, Marlene Kimmel of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Carolyn Ridenour of Middlebury, Phyllis Paler of Kapaa, Hawaii, Thelma Bryant of Hoolehua, Hawaii, Gwen Dallman of Ligonier, Diana Christner of Topeka, Dorothy Feltner of Hazard, Ky. and Denice Apple of Goshen; seven grandchildren; 37 nieces and nephews; 64 great-nieces and great-nephews; three great-great nieces and great-great-nephews; and two foster children, Devin and Keelean.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Gregg Moser officiating. Burial will be at Sumnerville Cemetery, Sumnerville, Mich., where military services will be held.

Calling is today from 3-6 p.m. and Monday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Treatment Center of America, Goshen, or Kenney Memorial Park, Ligonier.

Evening Star, Sunday, Jan. 21, 2001 (cont'd)

Adell M. White

FORT WAYNE — Adell M. White, 41, an Auburn native, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2001, in Fort Wayne.

She was a teacher at Kekionga Middle School in Fort Wayne Community Schools. She was actively involved at the campus of Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne and was a member of Faith Baptist Church. She was listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Surviving are her husband, Rick L.; three daughters, Angela, Sarah and Lindsey White, all of Fort Wayne; her mother, Brooks Jackson of New Haven; and two sisters, Janet Garcia of Fort Wayne and Jill Paetow of Plainfield.

Her father, Thomas Jackson, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral

Memorials are to the I.P. Foundation-Adell M. White Scholarship Fund.

John Maggart Sr.

BLUFFTON — John M. Maggart Sr., 74, died Friday, Jan. 19, 2001, at his home.

A Columbia City native, he was a World War II veteran who served in northern France from 1944 to 1947. He was a member of American Legion Post 111.

He worked for Renner's Express for 20 years before retiring in 1985, and was a member of Reiffsburg United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mona; one son, John M. of Angola; one daughter, Michelle Caccamo of Keystone; one sister, Wanda Armantrout of Huntington; three grandchildren and tree great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton. Burial will be at Six Mile Cemetery.

Calling is today from noon until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Southern Wells High School band.

Irene Houts

FORT WAYNE — Irene I. Houts, 96, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2001, at 5 p.m. at her home.

Mrs. Houts was a dress shop manager for Miller's Department Store, and also worked for Sherman Washwear and Houts Color Center.

She was a member of Trinity English Lutheran Church of Fort Wayne, Wayne Temple of Pythian Sisters 432, American Legion Post 157 Auxiliary and the Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 136.

She was born July 2, 1904, in Howe, to William and Lena (Berns) Loetz.

On March 4, 1941, in Fort Wayne, she married Ralph G. Houts. He died in 1978.

Surviving are one brother and sister-in-law, William and Vera Loetz of Delphos, Ohio; five nieces and five nephews.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Richard E. Burres, in 1945; and four brothers.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Dr. C. James Cress officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is Tuesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity English Lutheran Church or the Shriners Hospital.

Andrew Smith

ANGOLA — Andrew James "A.J." Smith was stillborn Friday, Jan. 19, 2001, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

He is survived by his parents, Dan and Stacy (Greenamyer) Smith of Angola; one brother, Austin Michael Smith, at home; maternal grandparents, John and Connie Greenamyer of Angola; paternal grandparents, Denny and Karen Baker of St. Joe; and great-grandparents Jesse and Margaret Greenamyer of Angola and Ray and Margaret Hartman and Harriet Baker, all of St. Joe.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

James Bean

LAOTTO — James L. Bean, 70, died Friday, Jan. 19, 2001, at 3:30 p.m. at his home in on County Road 550-South in rural LaOtto.

Mr. Bean had been employed by Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. for 28 years, retiring in 1985.

He served with the U.S. Navy in Korea. He was a member and elder emeritus of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Auburn; a past president of WBCCI and a member of FLMI and IMA.

He was born March 18, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Wyatt Abraham Bean and Olcy Jane (Stokes) Bean.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley A. (Noel) Bean; a son, Ronald A. Bean of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Teri Klefeker of Ossian; a brother, Edward D. Bean of Van Buren, Ark.; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. The Rev. Milton Craig will officiate. Entombment will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Capital Improvement Fund, 910 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn IN 46706-0089.

Deaths/Funerals

Linda Brumbaugh

GARRETT — Linda Lou Brumbaugh, 59, died Friday, Jan. 19, 2001, at 7 p.m. at her home in rural Garrett.

Mrs. Brumbaugh was a homemaker. She was a member of the Cedar Creek Church in Garrett and a member and co-founder of the Happy Chicks Home Demonstration Club.

She was born March 6, 1941, in Garrett, to James Myles and Phyllis A. (Smith) Hixson.

On Aug. 29, 1959, in Garrett, she married Francis "Gene" Brumbaugh. He died Feb. 21, 1997.

Surviving are three sons, Scot Alan Brumbaugh of Garrett, Douglas Gene Brumbaugh and his wife, Vicki, of Garrett, and Richard Paul Brumbaugh and his fiancee, Elizabeth Pitonyak, of San Diego, Calif.; three brothers, Larry Hixson of Auburn and Ray Hixson and Carl Hixson, both of Garrett; two sisters, Norma Fry of St. Joe and Connie Clark of Avilla; and three granddaughters, Alisha, Amanda and Amber Brumbaugh.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Dr. Glen Mulligan officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Geraldine Sevits

FREMONT — Geraldine A. (Vose) Sevits, 79, of Fremont, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2001, in Ashley.

Mrs. Sevits was a homemaker and worked at Kaiser's Grocery Store in Fremont for 15 years. She also worked at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola for 10 years. She was a member of Fairview Missionary Church in Angola and enjoyed working in her yard on her flowers.

She was born Oct. 19, 1921, in Hamilton to Gerald and Alma A. (Jordan) Vose.

She married Henry D. Sevits on May 7, 1939. He died in 1989.

Surviving her are two daughters and one son-in-law, Carolyn and Gene Noll of Ashley, and Pam Cary of Decatur; one sister, Wilma Sevits of Fremont; five grandchildren, Kim Young, Kirk Noll, Kelli Moore, Michele Davis and Brent Strickler; and three great-grandchildren, Christopher, Corey and Cody Moore.

Her parents, one sister and one brother preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Ray Miller officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fairview Missionary Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Lionel Teixeira

AUBURN — Lionel E. Teixeira, 79, died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2001, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Teixeira was a janitor at McIntosh Elementary School for 10 years, retiring in 1984. He was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Auburn.

He was born June 25, 1921, in Guyana, South America, to Lionel and Phylifmena (Elliot) Teixeira.

He married Rose Bastan on Nov. 17, 1973, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Andrew Teixeira of Auburn; and two sisters, Greta Longergan of Fort Wayne and Norma Teixeira of Auburn; and his mother-in-law, Farrield Bastan of Auburn.

His parents and a sister, Pat, preceded him in death.

Services will be held at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the family, and may be sent to P.O. Box 268, Auburn IN 46706.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

James Steigmeyer

ERIE, Pa. — James Conrad Steigmeyer, 75, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2001, in Hamot Medical Center in Erie, Pa.

A former Garrett resident, he retired in 1992 from the School District of the City of Erie. He was a World War II and Korean Conflict veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Erie, the Slovak National Club, Fulton Athletic Club and the school district union.

Mr. Steigmeyer was born Dec. 28, 1925, in Garrett to Roman and Laura (Blotkamp) Steigmeyer. They preceded him in death.

Surviving him are his wife of 52 years, Theresa (Mikielski) Steigmeyer; four sons, Curt, Scott and Lane Steigmeyer, all of Erie, and Craig Steigmeyer of Harborcreek Township, Pa.; three daughters, Lynne Maetz of Florida, Laura Brewer of Erie, and Leslie Sult of Cranesville, Pa.; one brother, William Steigmeyer of Garrett; four sisters, Virginia Manon and Patricia Frymier, both of Auburn, and Mary Wilcoxson and Sharon Simon, both of Garrett; 27 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one son, Loren, and four brothers, Edward, Jerome, Adrian and Ralph Steigmeyer.

Services were held Jan. 18 in St. Stanislaus Catholic Church. Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church, 516 E. 13th St., Erie PA 16503.

Edward J. Garr Funeral Home, Erie, was in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Audrey L. Luther**, 78, of Albion died at 2:40 a.m. Saturday in Provena Sacred Heart Home of Avilla. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home, Albion, with the Rev. Tom Novy officiating. A private burial will follow in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Calling takes place 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Marilyn Chapman

FORT WAYNE — Marilyn E. (Black) Chapman, 54, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2001, at 11:52 p.m. in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Chapman was a Primetime instructional assistant at Bloomingdale Elementary School. She was a member of The Chapel.

She was born Dec. 15, 1946, in Moscow, Pa., to Willard and Margaret (Lown) Black. Her mother survives in Moscow, and her father is deceased.

Also surviving are her husband, the Rev. Leslie J. Chapman; a daughter, Amy L. Crowell of Fort Wayne; a son, Jason R. Chapman of Fort Wayne; a sister, Naomi Black of Moscow, Pa.; two brothers, David Black of Moscow, Pa., and Willard Black of Cherry Hill, Pa.; two grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in The Chapel, 2505 W. Hamilton Road, Fort Wayne, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Rick Hawks will officiate. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Additional calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the family.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **The Rev. Gerhard R. Kretzmann,** 84, died at 4:45 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, 2001, at Parkview Noble hospital, Kendallville. Services are 2 p.m.

Deaths/Funerals

Ruth Speer

AUBURN — Ruth E. Speer, 75, died Monday, Jan. 22, 2001, in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Speer retired in 1987 as a telephone operator for the Indiana Bell Telephone Co. with 29 years of service. She lived in Auburn and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Auburn, Auburn Home Extension Homemakers Club, Telephone Pioneer Club, and Indiana Bell Telephone Operators Association.

She was born Sept. 15, 1925, in Auburn to Burdett and Gertrude Emerson.

She married Dorsey Speer on Dec. 25, 1946, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving her are one son and daughter-in-law, Dorsey E. "Skip" Speer Jr. and Renee Speer of Waterloo; two daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Greg McClure of Auburn, and Jerilyn "Jeri" and Wally Walburn of Ely, Minn.; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One grandson, Patrick Walburn, and one sister, Mabel Jean Lee, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or the church.

James Austin

SILVER SPRINGS, Fla. — James C. Austin, 94, died Dec. 3, 2000, in Ocala, Fla.

Mr. Austin had lived in Silver Springs, Fla., since 1970 and formerly lived in Angola. He was retired from his work as a quality control inspector for Moore Business Forms in Angola. He was a member of Central Christian Church in Ocala.

He was a professional musician on the clarinet and saxophone with the John Philip Sousa Band from 1928 to 1930. He traveled from coast to coast with in Sousa's Golden Jubilee Tour, which included a performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City. He was a member of the John Philip Sousa Fraternity.

After touring with Sousa, he played in Colonel Bachman's Millionaire Band and the Cesar LaMonica Bans in the early 1930s. In the late 1930s he toured with the Ringling Brothers Circus as a musician.

He formed a band, Anything Can Happen, in Angola in the 1940s and it performed for 16 years.

Mr. Austin was born April 5, 1906, in Angola to Olliale (LaRue) and James C. Austin Sr.

He married Ruth Golden on July 10, 1928, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, James of Daytona, Beach, Fla.; two daughters, Nancy Richmond of Silver Springs and Susan Boyd of Rocky Mount, N.C.; 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Joan Richmond in November 1995, one sister, Mildred Fuller, and one brother, Michael Austin.

Memorial services were held in December at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens and Funeral Home in Ocala. Burial will be at a later date in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the music department of the Central Christian Church, Ocala.

Evening Star, Wed., Jan. 24, 2001 (cont'd)

Anna Foote

HUNTERTOWN — Anna M. Foote, 83, died early on the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2001, at her Huntertown home.

She retired in 1979 as an elementary teacher at Huntertown Elementary School, with 41 years of service. She was a lifelong resident of Huntertown and member of the Huntertown United Methodist Church.

She graduated from Huntertown High School in 1935 and later completed her education at the former Central Normal College in Danville, Ind.

Miss Foote was born July 23, 1917, at Wallen in Allen County to Clarence and Catherine (Bowser) Foote. They preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one brother and sister-in-law, Lawrence E. and Margaret Foote of Rome City, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Helen and Mabel Foote, and three brothers, Herbert, Willard and Alfred Foote.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Timothy Terrell, associate pastor of Huntertown United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Georgia Stoch

ST. JOSEPH, Mich. — Georgia E. Stoch, 87, of Bridgman, Mich., died Monday, Jan. 22, 2001, at Lakeland Hospital-St. Joseph.

Mrs. Stoch was born May 3, 1913 in Muskegon, Mich., to Charles and Ann (Muschott) Davidson.

On Dec. 11, 1949, she married to Sylvester Stoch in Chicago. They lived in the Chicago area until his retirement in 1970, when they moved to St. Joseph, Mich.

She was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Joseph.

Mrs. Stoch is survived by two daughters, Joan DeCarlo of Frankfort, and Patricia Scott of Bristol; one son, Richard Sarber of Bristol; 12 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a daughter, Barbara Williams.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Joseph. Burial will follow in Riverview Cemetery, St. Joseph.

Calling is Thursday from 4-9 p.m. at Legacy Family Funeral Services, Matthew R. Purchase Chapel, Berrien Springs, Mich. Liturgical prayers will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Boystown USA.

Robert Conway

PLEASANT LAKE — Robert Earl Conway, 40, of Pleasant Lake, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Conway was an employee of Laclede Wire in Fremont and formerly was the district circulation manager of The Evening Star in Angola. He also had served in the Michigan National Guard.

Mr. Conway was born Dec. 4, 1960, in Detroit to Earl Tillman and Verta Mae (Lester) Conway, who preceded him in death.

On June 27, 1980, he was married Kim M. Kelly at Mount Clemens, Mich. She survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Scott Ryan Conway of Pleasant Lake; two sisters, Anita Marie Chase of Warren, Mich., and Diane Jean Wood of Hudson, Mich.; and one brother, Greg Lewis Conway of Pleasant Lake.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Gerry Allen Conway.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Thursday from 4-9 p.m. and Friday from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Steven R. Schloss,** 40, of Churubusco died Monday at home. Services are 1 p.m. Thursday at Broadway Christian Church, Fort Wayne, with calling immediately after services. Graveside services 11 a.m. Thursday at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Deaths/Funerals

Stanley Embry

PLEASANT LAKE — Stanley A. Embry, 64, of Pleasant Lake, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2001, at his residence.

Mr. Embry was an auto mechanic and retired from McNamara's Car Corner, Pleasant Lake, in January 2000.

He was born Oct. 14, 1936, in Hillsboro, Ala., to Theodore R. and Irene (Jones) Embrey.

On Aug. 23, 1980, he married Sharon (Smith) Embry, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Michael Embry of St. Clair Shores, Mich.; a daughter, Susan St. John of Clinton Township, Mich.; three stepsons, Keith Gravlin of Sugar Hill, Ga., Chris Gravlin of Warren, Mich., and Danny Gravlin of Peru; two stepdaughters, Tammy Moore of Marysville, Mich., and Kelly McMahan of Cartersville, Ga.; four sisters, Cullie Nall of Clawson, Mich., Sue Farris of Tuscon, Ariz., Mildred Gunter of Eddyville, Ky., and Linda Vincent of Central City, Ky.; and 15 grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. George Foulk and the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Michael Downs

FORT WAYNE — Michael Downs, 61, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2001, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Grand Rapids, Mich., he was a political science professor at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne for 34 years. He received his Ph.D. in government and international studies from Notre Dame. He was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and the Democratic member of the Allen County Election Board.

Mr. Downs is survived by his wife, Mary M.; three sons, Andrew and Philip Downs, both of Fort Wayne, and Gabriel Downs of Rouen, France; three daughters, Sarah Hill of Auburn, Nancy Snavely of Columbus, Ohio, and Emma Downs of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Kris Downs of Chicago and Claire Downs of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1100 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with a vigil service at 4:30 p.m.

Additional calling is Saturday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the church.

Memorials are to Daybreak Children Shelter or the Indiana Historical Society.

Myrtle Waite

ANGOLA — Myrtle E. Waite, 89, of Angola, died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2001, at Byron Health Center, Fort Wayne.

She was the owner-operator of Oak Grove Grocery and Resort from 1946-63. She was a member of Flint United Methodist Church and the Angola Women of the Moose.

She was born June 9, 1911, in Baltimore, Ohio, to Andrew and Minnie (Sharp) Barnhouse.

Surviving are a son, the Rev. Marcus Proehl of Plainfield; a stepdaughter, Edyth Courtright of Angola; a sister, Daisy Stairhime of Hamilton; two grandchildren, nine stepgrandchildren, five great-grandchidren, two great-great-grandchildren and several stepgreat-grandchildren and stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Perry Waite, on March 16, 1980; a grandson, Steven Proehl; a stepson, Lorin Waite; a stepdaughter, Burdella Brown; two sisters, Thelma Locke and Ada Swinehart; and a brother, Roland Camp.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Steven Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Bonnie Pursley

BLUFFTON — Bonnie Lou Pursley, 72, died Monday, Jan. 22, 2001, at 9:30 a.m. in her Bluffton home.

Mrs. Pursley was a homemaker and worked at the Dutch Mill Restaurant. She was a former member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Nov. 18, 1928, in Andrews to Simon P. and Mildred (Eastes) Baller.

She married Halbert Pursley on Nov. 22, 1947, in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, Denton Pursley of Geneva; two daughters and one son-in-law, Lisa and Darrell Mitchell of Fort Wayne, and Tamara Haver of St. Joe; three brothers, Gale "Smokie" Baller, Jim Baller and Steve Baller, all of Bluffton; one sister and brother-in-law, Winnie and Wayne Markley of Bluffton, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery, Ossian.

Calling is Friday from 4-9 p.m. in the chapel.

Memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

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Carl Lotter

NAPLES, Fla. — Carl S. Lotter, 84, died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2001, at Heritage Health Care in Naples, Fla.

Born in Willshire, Ohio, he was an engineer with Conrail for 30 years. He was a member of Trinity English Lutheran Church, Wayne Lodge 25 F&AM, Fort Wayne Valley Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine and Royal Order of Jesters, and Elks Lodge 155.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred G.; two daughters, Sue Houser of Auburn and Judy Trusdell of Evanston, Ill.; a brother, Clyde Lotter of Michigan; three sisters, Agnes Busian, Mary Jane Gaunt and Louise Gaunt, all of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren, Mike Houser of Cincinnati, Ohio, Nicki Houser of Auburn, Katie Trusdell of Normal, Ill., and Sarah Browne of Evanston, Ill.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in St. John Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shriners Children's Hospital, 2211 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, Ill., 60635.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Mary Ellen Fraze,** 81, died at 10:35 p.m. Tuesday at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville. Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will follow in Lakeview Cemetery. Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

The Evening Star, Fri., Jan. 26, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Rex Burton

SPENCERVILLE — Lt. Col. Rex H. Burton, 87, died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2001, at 4 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

He served on active duty with the U.S. Air Force, was a World War II veteran, and was active in the Air Force Reserve until his retirement.

He retired in 1972 from Civil Service, where he was a supply officer for 35 years. He audited VA hospitals during his many years of service. He also served as director of Carroll Memorial Hospital in Berryville, Ark., for four years.

He had lived in Spencerville since March 1993, moving there from Fairfield Bay, Ark. He was active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lions Club, and National Association of Federal Employees.

He was born Jan. 12, 1914, in Burnham, Pa., to John G. and Bessie (Cockshot) Burton.

His wife of 49 years, Florence E. (Lutes) Burton, preceded him in death.

Surviving him are one daughter, Martha L. Burton of Silver Springs, Md.; one son, William E. Burton of Spencerville; two granddaughters and four great-grandchildren.

One brother, Wilfred A. Burton, and one nephew, Wilfred A. Burton Jr., preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio, with calling after 9 a.m. The Rev. Bob Herman of County Line Church of God, Auburn, will officiate. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Additional calling is Monday after 3 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the County Line Church of God.

Evening Star, Fri., Jan. 26, 2001 (cont'd)

Ernest Roberts Jr.

ANGOLA — Ernest Roberts Jr., 76, died on the morning of Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2001, iat his Angola home.

He was a farm implement repairman.

Mr. Roberts was born Aug. 7, 1924, in Mercer County, Ohio, to Ernest Roberts Sr. and Bessie Harriett (Adelblue) Roberts.

Surviving him are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Ken and Krista Roberts of Warminster, Pa., Tony and Debbie Roberts of Camden, Mich., Gary Roberts of Huntsville, Ohio, and Robin Roberts of Russells Point, Ohio; one daughter, Marie Elaine Roberts of Russells Point; one brother, Richard Roberts of Angola; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Juanita Brown of Ohio City, Ohio, and Sue and John Mullins of Howe; his former wife, Marie (Dunn) Roberts of Russells Point; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two children, Jerry and Sandra Roberts; two brothers, Maurice Vaughn Roberts and Robert Roberts; and one sister, Ernestine Alice Webster.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Cowan & Son Funeral Home, Van Wert, Ohio, with the Rev. Douglas Stockton. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Ohio City.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Russell D. Artley,** 80, died Wednesday at 6:05 p.m. at Oakleaf Village, Ligonier. Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, 1911 S. Main St., Goshen, with calling there 2-6 p.m. Sunday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Sandra L. Thompson,** 58, died Jan. 15 in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. Memorial services are Saturday at 4 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

AVILLA — **Verna L. Baker,** 89, died Wednesday at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville. Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Sunday.

PIERCETON —**Marguerite "Margie" Krantz,** 79, died Wednesday at Mason Health Care Facility, Warsaw. Graveside services are March 7 at Washington Union Cemetery, Pierceton.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Ruth Howard,** 97, of Columbia City, formerly of South Whitley, died Wednesday at The Oaks Living Center, Columbia City. Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at South Whitley United Methodist Church. Calling is 4-8 p.m. today at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley, and at the church one hour before services.

GOSHEN — **Stanley D. Barnhart,** 69, of Goshen died Wednesday at St. Joseph Medical Center, South Bend. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Syracuse Church of the Brethren. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Eastlund Funeral Homes — Harris Chapel, Syracuse.

The Evening Star, Sat., Jan. 27, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Ellen Fankhauser

BUTLER — Ellen Janet Fankhauser, 63, died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2001, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

She was born Aug., 26, 1937, in Fort Wayne to Richard P. and Gladys (Baker) Fankhauser.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Michael, and her parents.

Surviving is a sister, Carol J. Rediger of Auburn.

Services were held Thursday at I.O.O.F. Cemetery in New Haven. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn handled arrangements.

Memorials are to the Laurels of DeKalb Alzheimer's unit in Butler.

Area Deaths

MADISONVILLE, TENN. — **Larry Keith Adams Sr.**, 60, of Madisonville, Tenn., died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2001. Services today at 8 p.m. at Biereley-Hale Chapel in Madisonville, Tenn. Calling from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Biereley-Hale Funeral Home, Madisonville, Tenn.

LIGONIER — **William S. (Bill) Moore**, 83, of Ligonier, died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2001. Services at 11 a.m. Monday at Ligonier Presbyterian Church, Ligonier. Calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

ELKHART — **Theodore James Mowat**, 63, of Elkhart, died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2001. Services at 10 a.m. Monday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier. Calling from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Deaths & Funerals

Bonnie Marshall

ALBION — Bonnie M. Marshall, 86, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2001, in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Marshall was a housewife and worked at McCray Memorial Hospital for 16 years. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Kendallville.

Born Dec. 16, 1914, in Albion to Perry W. and Orilla Nicodemus Coe, she married Paul J. Marshall in Albion on Sept. 11, 1933. He died Sept. 12, 1992.

Surviving are a daughter, Vivian Edwards of Columbia City; two sons, Philip R. Marshall of Wolcottville and Steven P. Marshall of Albion; a sister, Eva Ravenscroft of Albion; a brother, Harold Coe of Albion; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Her parents, two brothers, and two sons, James D. and Glenn A. Marshall, preceded her in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Church of the Nazarene in Kendallville. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Wayne Rowe

CROMWELL — Wayne R. Rowe, 68, of Cromwell died at his residence Saturday, Jan. 27, 2001, at 12:40 a.m., after an illness of one year.

A lifetime area resident, Mr. Rowe was a conductor with Conrail Railroad and a member of Faith Assembly Church in Warsaw.

He was born June 2, 1932, in Elkhart, to Marion Russell and Sylvia (Eller) Rowe. He married Sandra May (Bradburn) Hayden on Jan. 1, 1983, in Elkhart and she survive.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Robert Rowe of Marion and Larry Rowe of Orland, Calif.; three stepsons, Billy Hayden of South Bend, Larry Hayden of Auburn, and Ed Hayden of Warsaw; a stepdaughter, Terri Lynn of South Bend; four brothers, Bob Rowe of Elkhart, Clifford Rowe of Syracuse, Delbert Rowe of Newport Richie, Fla., and Jack Rowe of Chesterfield; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Harold and Virginia Glassburn of Middlebury, Dale and Phyllis Tarpe of Bristol, and Ralph and Delores Thorp, and Jim and Regina Shank, all of Elkhart; three grandchildren; and 10 stepgrandchildren.

Graveside services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier, with Joe Brenneman officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Funeral arrangements were made by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Dr. Leslie Willig, retired Tri-State official, dies at 74

FORT WAYNE — Dr. Leslie A. Willig, 74, former executive vice president of Tri-State University, Angola, and retired director of the Fort Wayne Purdue University Center, died Friday at Parkview Hospital.

Dr. Willig, who was one of the key developers of Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, had also served as an associate professor of the Fort Wayne Purdue University Center.

From 1960 to 1970, Dr. Willig was executive vice president of Tri-State University. He was owner and president of Willig Management since 1970.

In 1997, Dr. Willig retired from Photo Control Corp., in Minneapolis, Minn., where he had served as chairman of the board and chief executive officer.

Dr. Willig co-founded the Science Education Foundation of Indiana, which provides college scholarships and major financial support to science fairs in Indiana.

He was a Navy veteran and a member of the Naval Reserve for 33 years, serving as the group commander of the Fort Wayne region.

Survivors include his wife, Deborah; three sisters, Eleanor Hilker of Monroe, Mich., and Ivon Willig and Audrey Close, both of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Connie Roberts Hansen of Elkhart, Dr. Diana Osborne of New Haven, Rosanne Johnson of Redmond, Wash., and Laura Wells of Portage; a son, Larry Willig of Dallas; a stepson, Chris Nixon of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1100 S. Calhoun St., with calling one hour before services.

Calling also is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with a vigil at 4:30 p.m. today.

Memorials are to the Science Education Foundation of Indiana.

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Deaths/Funerals

Patricia Clark

AUBURN — Patricia J. Clark, 75, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001, at 4:09 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Clark retired in 1991 after 20 years of service as clerk-treasurer of the City of Auburn. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, Kenwigs literary club, and Auburn Improvement Association.

She was active with the DeKalb County Fair Association board and was in charge of the industrial tent at the DeKalb County Fair. She was a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter 103 in Auburn, and was a past worthy matron of the Kendallville OES. She lived in Auburn, but was raised in Kendallville.

She was born July 17, 1925, in Fremont to John and Alma (Jansen) Page.

She married Leonard Clark on June 23, 1951, in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Jeannette Clark of Naperville, Ill.; one daughter and son-in-law, Sheryl and Jesse Knowles of Auburn; and six grandchildren, Jonathan, Kelly and Michael Knowles, Greg Lindsay, and Timothy and Katelyn Clark.

A brother, James Page, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. William Kaster officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society, or DeKalb Memorial Home Health Care.

Mable Loucks

ST. JOE — Mable Berniece Loucks, 91, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001, at Courtland Health & Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Loucks was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 26, 1909, in Antwerp, Ohio, to Grover and Orpha (Smith) Boger.

She married Harry Dorsey Loucks on Aug. 27, 1927. He died Jan. 5, 1976.

Surviving are two sons, Richard Loucks of Fort Wayne and Terry Loucks of Archbold, Ohio; four daughters, Harriet Perry, Barbara Kimmel and Phyllis Bittner, all of Fort Wayne, and Carroll Herschberger of St. Joe; two brothers, Elvin Boger of Coldwater, Mich., and Freeman Boger of Antwerp; two sisters, Ercle Lynn of Coldwater and Kathleen Jetmore of Syracuse, Ind.; 20 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Robert Loucks on Oct. 13, 1997; a sister, Irene Myers; and a brother, Gerald Boger.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in the St. Joe Church of Christ, with Pastor Larry Watson officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Allen County.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Memorials are to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society-Northern Indiana Chapter, 7301 Georgetown Road, Suite 112, Indianapolis IN 46268.

Beulah Stohler

ANGOLA — Beulah Mae Stohler, 90, of Angola, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Stohler worked for 25 years at Perfect Circle in Hagerstown. In 1963, she retired from working for Joe Crouch in Angola. She also was co-owner of Stohler Sporting Goods, Angola.

She moved to the area from Hagerstown in 1954 and graduated from Hagerstown High School in 1928. She was a member of the Chicago Corner Christian Church in Hagerstown for more than 70 years.

She was born Feb. 27, 1910, in Cambridge City to Carl and Amy (Crull) Hutson.

On April 14, 1933, she married Lester Paul Stohler, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Michael Stohler of Cincinnati; a daughter, Patricia Johnson of Fremont; and three grandchildren, Michael and Meredith Stohler of Cincinnati, and Kevin Johnson of Flagstaff, Ariz.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Northern Indiana Alzheimer's Association, 425 N. Michigan St., Suite 308, South Bend, IN 46601.

Evening Star, Mon., Jan. 29, 2001 (cont'd)

Harry Peters

AUBURN — Harry E. Peters, 92, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001, at 12:37 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Peters retired in 1970 from Warner Gear with 25 years of service. He lived in Auburn and was a member of the Indian Village Church of God, Auburn.

He was born Jan. 16, 1909, in Jackson Township to Martin J. and Grace M. (Strong) Peters.

He married Bonnie L. Lochner on Aug. 14, 1926, in Fort Wayne. She died Dec. 27, 1996.

Surviving him are a daughter, Marilyn G. Kipfer of Paulding, Ohio; two grandsons, Ricky Gerber of Sterling; Ohio, and John Kipfer of Rittman, Ohio; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ralph and Vere.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. Pastor Lloyd Harland will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the church.

Area Deaths

CENTREVILLE, Mich. — **Maudie Graber,** 82, of Centreville, Mich., died Sunday at her home. Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at First Mennonite Church, Middlebury, with the Rev. Brian Arbuckle of the Marion Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Goshen. Calling is at the church from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to services.

LAGRANGE — **Phillip D. Shelly,** 80, died Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange. Services are Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Diane Cusamano officiating. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home.

DELAND, FLA. — **Herman E. Yeager,** 87, of Orange City, Fla., formerly of Wawaka, died at 6 p.m. Sunday in Deland, Fla. Services are pending at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

LIGONIER — **Earlis C. Rex,** 67, of Ligonier, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001, at St. Joe Regional Medical Center, South Bend, following an extended illness. Services are 9 a.m. Wednesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with burial in Oak Park Cemetery. Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m.

The Evening Star, Tues., Jan. 30, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Billie Griffiths

FORT WAYNE — Billie G. Griffiths, 72, of Fremont, died Monday, Jan. 29, 2001, in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Griffiths was a retired employee of Dana-Weatherhead in Angola. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was born March 7, 1928, to John Lewis Griffiths and Shirley Alida (Williams) Griffiths.

Surviving are two sons, Edward of Fremont, and Gary of Fort Wayne; two grandsons, Edward Lucas Griffiths and Kyle Sterling Griffiths of Fremont; and a sister, Weltha Myrtie Duke of Angola.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and four sisters.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Dr. Gregory Chupp officiating. Burial will be in Jones Chapel Cemetery, Scott Township.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Mable Loucks

ST. JOE — Mable Berniece Loucks, 91, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001, at Courtland Health & Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Loucks was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 26, 1909, in Antwerp, Ohio, to Grover and Orpha (Smith) Boger.

She married Harry Dorsey Loucks on Aug. 27, 1927. He died Jan. 5, 1976.

Surviving are two sons, Richard Loucks of Fort Wayne and Terry Loucks of Archbold, Ohio; four daughters, Harriet Perry, Barbara Kimmel and Phyllis Bittner, all of Fort Wayne, and Carroll Herschberger of St. Joe; two brothers, Elvin Boger of Coldwater, Mich., and Freeman Boger of Antwerp; two sisters, Ercle Lynn of Coldwater and Kathleen Jetmore of Syracuse, Ind.; 20 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Loucks

She was preceded in death by one son, Robert Loucks on Oct. 13, 1997; a sister, Irene Myers; and a brother, Gerald Boger.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in the St. Joe Church of Christ, with Pastor Larry Watson officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Allen County.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Memorials are to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society-Northern Indiana Chapter, 7301 Georgetown Road, Suite 112, Indianapolis IN 46268.

Peggy Kleman

COLUMBIA CITY — Peggy Joan Kleman, 68, died Monday, Jan. 29, 2001, at 8:15 a.m. in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne. She had been ill since December.

Mrs. Kleman retired in June 1993 after 27 1/2 years of service as a production worker at Magnavox in Fort Wayne. She graduated from Columbia City High School in the class of 1950 and was a member of the United Methodist faith. She was a lifelong resident of Columbia City.

She was born Feb. 7, 1932, in Columbia City to Millard and Cora (Mosher) Smith.

Her husband, Charles S. Kleman Sr., survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Flava LaFern Galbreath of Boston and Norma Jo Ann Schell of Auburn; two sons, Morris Clifton Galbreath of Woodland Park, Colo., and Millard Harold Galbreath of Columbia City; three stepdaughters, Wendy Allen of Fairborn, Ohio, Kathleen Kleman of Fort Wayne, and Robert Kleman; two stepsons, Charles S. Kleman Jr. and Bruce Kleman, both of Fort Wayne; one sister, Jean Fisher of Rochester, Ind.; six grandchildren and several step-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City. Pastor Curtiss Johnson, retired pastor of Community Bible Church, and Pastor Berneice Herr, retired pastor of the United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in South Park Annex Cemetery in Columbia City.

Calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

William Smith

DEFIANCE, Ohio — William G. Smith, 73, of Defiance, Ohio, diedMonday, Jan. 29, 2001, at 12:10 a.m. in Defiance Hospital.

Mr. Smith retired in 1983 after 32 years at the General Motors Central Foundry, where he worked as a repairman and in service. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He also was a member of the First Church of Christ in Defiance.

He was born Dec. 16, 1927, in Williams County, Ohio, to Ira and Alta (Luke) Smith.

He married Marie I. Breininger in 1962, and she survives him.

Surviving are a son, William Smith Jr. of Sherwood, Ohio; three daughters, Judith Andrews of Arthur, Ohio, Janet Valle of Oakwood, Ohio, and Laura Race of Bethel, Ohio; three stepsons, Eugene Thompson of Wren, Ohio, Larry Thompson of Abilene, Texas, and James Thompson of Angola; six stepdaughters, Rose Marie Karlstadt of Bryan, Ohio, Barbara Fowler of Bryan, Ohio, Patty Ann Shankster of Milford, Sherry Thompson of Mary Ester, Fla., Lela Castro of Imperial, Calif., and Linda Thompson of Bryan, Ohio; a brother, John Smith of Kendallville; 49 grandchildren; 75 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a stepson, Jerry Lee Thompson.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Lawson-Roessner Funeral Home, Defiance, Ohio. Burial will be in Riverview Memory Gardens, Defiance County, where Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3360 will conduct military graveside rites.

Calling is tonight from 7-9 and Wednesday from 2-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Evening Star, Tues., Jan. 30, 2001 (cont'd)

Kenneth Mitchel

FORT WAYNE — Kenneth D. Mitchel, 74, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001, in Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Mitchel lived in Fort Wayne for 51 years. He was an auto body repairman at Bud Hyner Chevrolet in Huntertown for 20 years, was a self-employed auto body repairman for 20 years, and was a part-time parts runner for Hires Auto Parts in Fort Wayne. He attended Faith United Church of Christ in Fort Wayne. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving from 1944 to 1946. He enjoyed cars.

He was born June 1, 1926, in Sacramento, Calif., to Howard J. and Thelma L. (Deardroff) Mitchel.

He married Leona L. Varner on Oct. 14, 1949, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving him are three sons, Edward D. of Huntertown, Ronald A. of New Haven and Daniel L. of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Linda J. Mitchel-Adang of Fort Wayne, Debra S. Mitchel-Green of Waterloo and Cynthia K. Mitchel of Churubusco; three brothers, Carl of Kokomo, Wayne of Rockville and John of Brazil, Ind.; one sister, Delores Burnsworth of Amboy; and 11 grandchildren.

One brother, Ray, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Funeral Home, Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Norm Conklin will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the diabetes or heart associations, or to the World War II Memorial.

Clarissa Miller

GARRETT — Clarissa L. Miller, 76, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001, at 7:22 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Miller was a former employee of Whitley Products and the telephone company. She moved to Whitley County in 1945 from DeKalb County and lived there until 1984, when she returned to DeKalb County.

She lived in Garrett and was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett. She was a former member of the Columbia City Veterans of Foreign Wars, Moose and Eagles auxiliaries.

She was an avid bingo player.

She was born July 21, 1924, in Auburn to Harry and Ruth (Allen) Balzer.

Surviving her are one son, David Goings Sr. of Auburn; one brother, Harry Balzer of Kendallville; one grandson, David Goings Jr. of Garrett; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cleon Miller; a son, Jim Miller; a daughter, Judith Ann Goings; one brother, George Balzer; and two sisters, Pam Balzer and Violet Balzer.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in South Park Annex Cemetery, Columbia City, with Pastor Herbert Schumm of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church officiating.

Calling is Friday from 9:30-9:45 a.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Barbara Oliver

KENDALLVILLE — Barbara J. Oliver, 71, died at 10:04 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She had been ill for a year, and had been a resident of Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville for seven months.

Mrs. Oliver was born May 10, 1929, in Chicago to Darrell D. and Louise (Heath) Engle. She moved to Kendallville from Garrett in 1973.

She retired from McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville, as a housekeeper.

Mrs. Oliver was a member of North Star Rebekah Lodge, Albion, for more than 40 years.

Her husband, Don Oliver, preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Marshall and Linda Brumbaugh of Garrett and Jeff Brumbaugh of Kendallville; two brothers, Bill Engle of Kendallville and Donald Engle of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was a daughter, Marsha, a twin to Marshall, who died shortly after birth in 1955. Also preceding her in death was a sister, Helen M. Engle.

Services are Thursday at 1 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Stan Kessler of First Presbyterian Church, Kendallville, officiating. Burial is in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Donald Franklin Fortmeyer,** 70, died Saturday at Whitley County Hospital. Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with burial in St. John Lutheran Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Calling is Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday an hour prior to the service.

ORANGE CITY, Fla. — **Herman E. Yeager,** 87, of Orange City, Fla., formerly of Wawaka, died at 6 p.m. Sunday at Deland Hospital in Deland, Fla. Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Harold Gingerich officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier. Calling is Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mildred G. Shaffer

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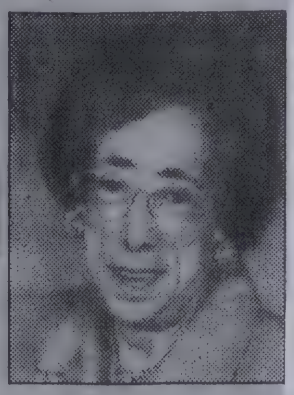
Fort Wayne — 1921-2001

Mildred G. Shaffer, 79, of Fort Wayne, a retired cashier, died Monday, Jan. 29, 2001, at Select Specialty of St. Joseph Hospital.

"She enjoyed flower gardening and ceramics."

The Auburn native retired in 1978 from Rogers Grocery after 20 years of service. She was a member of Anthony Wayne Church of God.



Surviving are her husband, Wilbur W.; a daughter, Cheryl Kammeyer of Woodburn; sisters Bessie Dunn of Waterloo and Gloria Johnson of Fort Wayne; a brother, James Leach of Pearsall, Texas; and two grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, with calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to the church.

Information provided by D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, 426-9494.

The Evening Star, Wed., Jan. 31, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Roy Sanders

EDGERTON, Ohio — Roy B. Sanders, 77, died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2001, at 6 a.m. at his Edgerton home after a brief illness.

Mr. Sanders retired in 1983 from International Harvester in Fort Wayne with 25 years of service. He then worked for Krill Funeral Service in Edgerton, for the Ohio State Highway Department for two years, and for Peverly's Port-A-Pit Chicken in Edgerton.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Edgerton, where he had served as a deacon since 1987. He was a member of Knights of Columbus 1494, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, Bishop Rappe Assembly, and Do It Right Farm Bureau Council.

He was born Feb. 3, 1923, in Edgerton to Charles B. and Frances (Bell) Sanders.

He married Margaret E. Jennings on Oct. 19, 1946, in Edgerton. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Jeanette Sanders of Fort Wayne, and Douglas and Sandra Sanders of Hebron, Ky.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Martha and Richard Esoldo of Elizabethtown, Pa., and Rita and Cletus Herman of Edgerton; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Stanley and Renate Sanders of Southern Pines, N.C., and Anthony and Kathy Sanders of Edgerton; one sister, Mary Sanders of Edgerton; two sisters-in-law, Maxine and JoAnn Sanders, both of Edgerton; 21 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, John and Paul Sanders, and Willard Worthington; and one sister, Ruth Ann Sanders.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church, with Father Thomas Oedy officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling is Thursday after 4 p.m. and Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton. A scripture service will be held Friday at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic School in Edgerton.

Evening Star, Wed., Jan. 31, 2001 (cont'd)

Sandra Furnell

AUBURN — Sandra Kay Furnell, 62, died Monday, Jan. 29, 2001, at 5 p.m. in her rural Auburn home.

Furnell

Mrs. Furnell was a homemaker and former hairdresser for Louis & Joseph Hair Fashions in Fort Wayne. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of the DeKalb County Fair Association board and served in the fair's culinary arts department for 20 years, nine of them as superintendent.

She was born June 19, 1938, in Fort Wayne to Omar Edgar and Edna Pauline (Reno) Stevens. They preceded her in death.

She married John Edward Furnell on Dec. 27, 1973, in Mesa, Ariz. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, Joshua Edward Furnell of Auburn; one daughter, Rebecca Susan Furnell of Auburn; an aunt, Elsie Jacox of Fort Wayne; and several cousins.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. Bishop Ron Niebel will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Additional calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church mission fund.

The Evening Star, Thurs., Feb. 1, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Marjorie Neuenschwander

AUBURN — Marjorie Neuenschwander, 83, died today, Feb. 1, 2001, at 3 a.m. in her Auburn home.

Mrs. Neuenschwander

Mrs. Neuenschwander worked at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn for 22 years, mostly as a switchboard operator. She was a member of Tri Kappa Sorority, Kenwigs Literary Club and Greenhurst Country Club.

She was born Oct. 1, 1917, in Bluffton to Lawrence and Mary Templin.

She married Arthur Neuenschwander on May 1, 1938, in Bluffton. He died Aug. 27, 2000.

Surviving her are two daughters, Ann Webb of Auburn and Nancy Nims of Findlay, Ohio; one brother, Robert Templin of Scottsdale, Ariz.; one sister, Carol Hireman of Cedar Grove, N.C.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Joint memorial services for her and her husband will be held Monday at 7 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 6 p.m.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Evening Star, Thurs., Feb. 1, 2001 (cont'd)

Edna Anstead

ANGOLA — Edna C. Anstead, 73, of Angola and formerly Montgomery, Mich., died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Anstead was the former owner of Anstead's market in Montgomery. She was a member of the St. Paul Catholic Chapel, Clear Lake.

She was born Feb. 19, 1927, in Lily, Pa., to Irvin and Mary (Brown) Bradley.

On Feb. 5, 1947, in Cresson, Pa., she married Frederick C. Anstead. He died Nov. 23, 1981.

Surviving are two daughters, Kaye Anstead of Frontier, Mich., and Therese Shiffler of Holland, Mich.; four sons, David Anstead of Michigan City, Thomas Anstead of Onsted, Mich., James Anstead of Fremont, and Donald Anstead of Battle Creek, Mich.; a sister, Mary Louise Pupo of Cresson; 18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in St. Paul Catholic Chapel, Clear Lake. Father Philip Schneider will officiate. Burial will be in Berg Cemetery, Montgomery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with a rosary service at 7:45 p.m.

Memorials are to the St. Paul Catholic Chapel Building Fund or masses.

Area Deaths

HUNTERTOWN — **Loyal R. Yoder,** 86, of Huntertown died Tuesday following an illness. Services are Friday at the Huntertown United Methodist Church. Calling is one hour before services and from 2 to 9 p.m. today at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

SEBRING, Fla. — **David T. Vorndran,** 66, of Sebring, Fla., former owner of Vorndran Do-It Center in Kendallville, died Sunday at home. Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City.

NORTH WEBSTER — **Kelvin S. "Stue" Stoner,** 72, died Tuesday at home. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Eastlund Funeral Home — Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling two hours before services. Burial is in Indian Village Cemetery, Cromwell, with military services.

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Helen Olevia "Peggy" Sprague

Fort Wayne — 1905-2001

Helen Olevia "Peggy" Sprague, 95, of Fort Wayne, a 50-year member of Allen County Extension Home Ec Club, died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2001, at Golden Years Homestead.

The DeKalb County native retired in 1970 from J.C. Penny Co. as head of the women's sportswear department after 15 years of service. She was a charter member of Anthony Wayne First Church of God.

Surviving are a daughter, Marcia A. Close of Fort Wayne; sons Norman L. of Fort Wayne and Wayne A. of Winterhaven, Fla.; 12 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marion M., and a son, Thomas L.

Services are 2 p.m. Monday at Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, with calling from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's Association of Northern Indiana.

Information provided by Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, 485-8500.

Deaths/Funerals

B. Ione Beers

AUBURN — B. Ione Beers, 86, died Thursday, Feb. 1, at 12:12 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Beers was a clerk for the J.C. Penney Store in Auburn. She lived in Auburn and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

She was born Dec. 2, 1914, in Fort Wayne to Frank and Bertha (Crain) Patterson.

She married Homer H. Beers on March 27, 1931, in Angola. He died May 15, 1972.

Surviving her are three sons, Barney Beers of Greensboro, N.C., Nick Beers of Riverside, Calif., and Bruce Beers of Mathews, N.C.; two daughters, Jeannette Betz of Mumford, N.Y. and Victoria Volz of New Haven; 16 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Jim and Ted Patterson, and one sister, Irene Bodie, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Sunday from 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to masses at the church.

Eugene Brown

STROH — Eugene Lowell "Brownie" Brown, 68, died at 1:44 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He had been ill since 1998.

He graduated from Salem Center High School in 1951. He was the owner and operator of Brown's Cleaners from 1960 to 1998. A member of the Stroh Horseshoe Club, he was an avid horseshoe player who traveled nationwide to participate in state, national and world horseshoeing championships.

He was born May 12, 1932, in Garrett to Harl D. and Rhoda (Treesh) Brown. On Feb. 22, 1959, in Kendallville, he married Barbara Jane Fritz, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Toni G. and Joseph Miller of Manitoc, Wis., and Sherry L. Brown of Stroh; two sons and daughters-in-law, David E. and Kimberley Brown of Orland and Charles E. and Christy Brown of Stroh; a stepson, Eugene A. Lash of Auburn; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

Services are 1 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Robert Muller officiating. Burial will be at Wright Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Orval Sprague

FREMONT — Orval W. "Emery" Sprague, 74, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2001, at Cameron Community Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Sprague retired in 1983 as manager of Gengnagel Lumber Co. in Auburn, where he had worked for 23 years. He lived in Fremont and formerly lived in Auburn.

He was a decorated veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, with medals including the Purple Heart. He served in World War II from 1943 to 1946, and in the Korean Conflict from 1950 to 1951. He was a member of Auburn American Legion Post 97.

He was born May 29, 1926, in Auburn to Orval E. and Cleo M. (Daub) Sprague.

He married Alverta I. Ransbottom on Dec. 13, 1947, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Michael Sprague of Fremont; one daughter, Kim Cox of Angola; one brother, James Sprague of Clay, N.Y.; one sister, Waneta Timmany of Utica, N.Y.; three grandchildren, Jennifer Chilchote of Fort Wayne, Jereamy Hatton of Garrett, and Heather Sprague of Fremont; and two great-grandchildren, Caleb Smith of Fort Wayne and Gage Hatton of Garrett.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Pastor Steve Eckert will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Virginia Wilkins

FORT WAYNE — Virginia G. Wilkins, 81, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2001, at Lutheran Homes of Fort Wayne following an illness.

She spent her formative years in Eel River Township. She lived in Churubusco and Columbia City briefly, but lived most of her adult life in Fort Wayne. She lived at her Edgewood Estates home since 1972. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Lake Township.

She was born Feb. 24, 1919, in Eel River Township to Harvey and Elsie (Green) Graves. On Feb. 26, 1972, she married David V. Wilkins, who preceded her in death in April 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Isaac and Dorothy May Davis of Fort Wayne; a stepson, David B. Wilkins of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Mary Jane and Robert Nichols of Statesville, N.C.; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Ethel and Don Leeson of Garrett, Garnet Truman of Marion, and Gladys and Herbert Giant and Norma Jean and Ernest Gains, all of Fort Wayne; and a brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Rickie Graves of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Edith Van Fleet, in 1990.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastor Ralph Easterhaus of St. John Lutheran Church, Lake Township, officiating. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery, Allen County.

Calling is 11 a.m. until services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lutheran Home's D wing special care unit.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Charles L. "Pete" Terry,** 71, died Thursday at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

WOODBURN — **Alyff E. Schumacher,** 84, died Wednesday at Birch Adult Foster Care Home, Leonidas, Mich. Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Schipper Funeral Home Ltd., Colon, Mich., with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Dr. Paul Kerr

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Dr. Paul B. Kerr II, M.D., 81, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, at 12:33 a.m. in Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital. He had been in failing health for several months.

Dr. Kerr retired from medical practice Nov. 30, 2000, after a career of more than 45 years. He graduated from Hicksville High School in 1936 and received a bachelor of arts degree in law and commerce from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. He studied pre-medicine at Ohio University and graduated from Ohio State Medical School in 1948. He lived on East High Street in Hicksville.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II under the leadership of Gen. Douglas MacArthur as a procurement officer in Japan.

He was a member of Hicksville Grace United Methodist Church, Hicksville Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite of Toledo, Ohio, Hicksville Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, the Ohio State Medical Association and American Medical Association.

He served on the Hicksville Exempted Village school board for seven years. He was a longtime member of the board of governors for Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital, the Hicksville Bank board of directors, and Hicksville Rotary Club, which named him Citizen of the Year in 1983.

He was born June 8, 1919, in Hicksville to Paul B. Kerr I and Bereneice (Barnes) Kerr.

He married Gloria Staples On Oct. 15, 1943, in Butler, Pa. She survives. The couple moved to Hicksville in 1955.

Also surviving him are one son, Paul B. Kerr III of Newport News, Va.; one daughter, Debbie Doeden of Middlebury; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Hicksville unit of Crippled Children and Adults, the Defiance County Cancer Society, or the charity of the donor's choice.

Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, is in charge of arrangements.

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William Wuertz II

ANGOLA — William Ray "Bear" Wuertz II, 40, of rural Angola, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2001, at his residence.

Mr. Wuertz was a supervisor at Owens Corning in Angola. He coached Angola youth football and baseball from 1996-98, and he played football with the St. James Club and baseball in several leagues in Toledo, Ohio. He was a board member of the Lake Charles East Association and a member of Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola.

He was born July 16, 1960, in Toledo to William Ray and Helen (Carros) Wuertz. His mother survives in Toledo.

On June 8, 1985, he married Sharon Wuertz, who survives at home.

Also surviving are his stepson, Joe Christian of Kendallville; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Carol and Mike White of Angola; a son, Nicholas Wuertz of Angola; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Diana and Rob Nissen of Holland, Mich., and Cynthia Wuertz of Toledo; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at H.H. Birkenkamp Funeral Home, Toledo, with the Rev. Donald Meyers officiating. Burial will be in Toledo Memorial Cemetery, Sylvania, Ohio.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola, and Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at H.H. Birkenkamp Funeral Home.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Dorothy L. Ryan**, 89, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange. Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at LaGrange Missionary Church. Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Memorials are to the church.

HUNTINGTON — **Ruth Elizabeth Black**, 90, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, at Huntington Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 2 p.m. in Deal-Robbins and Van Gilder Funeral Home in Huntington, with the Rev. Charles Lyman officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Greenhill Cemetery in Columbia City. Memorials are to the First Baptist Church of Huntington through the funeral home.

LIGONIER — **Catherine Summerville**, 85, of Ligonier, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital. Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Ligonier United Methodist Church, with the Rev. James Farrer officiating. Calling will be at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier Monday from 2-8 p.m. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. Memorials are to the Goshen General Hospital Foundation, Noble House or the Ligonier Volunteer Fire Department.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Donna L. Shriner**, 83, of Columbia City, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2001, in Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla. Funeral services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. John Cummings officiating. Calling will be at the funeral home Sunday from 4-7 p.m. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

KENDALLVILLE — **Alexander David Campos**, 5 1/2 months, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. David Barkel and the Rev. Chris Norman of Grace Fellowship Church officiating. Calling will be at the funeral home Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville. Memorials are to the family or the Lissencephaly Network of Fort Wayne.

CHURUBUSCO — **Helen B. List**, 94, of Churubusco, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Calling will be in the funeral home Sunday from 2-8 p.m., with an Order of the Eastern Star memorial service at 7:30 p.m. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian. Memorials are to the Churubusco United Methodist Church.

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This obituary is being republished to correct information provided by the funeral home.

Eugene Brown

STROH — Eugene Lowell "Brownie" Brown, 68, died at 1:44 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He had been ill since 1998.

He graduated from Salem Center High School in 1951. He was the owner and operator of Brown's Cleaners from 1960 to 1998. A member of the Stroh Horseshoe Club, he was an avid horseshoe player who traveled nationwide to participate in state, national and world horseshoeing championships.

He was born May 12, 1932, in Garrett to Harl D. and Rhoda (Treesh) Brown. On Feb. 22, 1959, in Kendallville, he married Barbara Jane Fritz, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Toni G. and Joseph Miller of Manitoc, Wis., and Sherry L. Brown of Stroh; three sons and daughters-in-law, David E. and Kimberley Brown of Orland, Charles E. and Christy Brown of Stroh and Eugene A. and Sherry Lash of Auburn; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. today in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Robert Muller officiating. Burial will be at Wright Cemetery, Hudson

Memorials are to the family.

Hilda Treesh

WATERLOO — Hilda M. Treesh, 85, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, at 4:50 p.m. at her home in Waterloo.

Mrs. Treesh worked in the office at the Newberry 5 & Dime store in Auburn for 12 years, then worked in sales for nine years at Lane's Discount.

She was born March 7, 1915, in DeKalb County to Levi and Myrtle (Rude) Boyd.

She married Dail W. Treesh on Jan. 28, 1933, in Auburn. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters, Betty Martin of Allegan, Mich.; Barbara Haist of Galesburg, Mich., and Sharon Rowe of Waterloo; one sister, Lois Wagoner of Bellevue, Mich.; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Gerald, Estal, Lloyd, Dorsie and Archie Boyd.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Father David Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice.

Franklin Barry

CUMMING, Ga. — Franklin J. Barry, 75, of Cumming, Ga., formerly of Lake George in Steuben County, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, in Cumming.

He retired from military service in the U.S. Army in 1969, after 26 years of distinguished service. He was a World War II veteran who served in the 1st Division of the 16th Infantry. He also served in Korea, Iran and Taiwan. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He was a member of the U.S. Army Timberwolf Association.

He was born March 3, 1925, in Jamestown Township of Steuben County to John F. and Lena (Wayburn) Barry.

On June 12, 1952, in Germany, he married Milly Gurina, who survives in Cumming.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael and John F., both of Marietta, Ga.; four grandchildren, Chris, Kevin, Matthew and Julie Barry; and a brother, Merle Barry of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Patty Barry.

Graveside services will be held at noon Tuesday at Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Military graveside services will be conducted by active U.S. Army personnel.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Hospice.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Dorothy Ryan

LAGRANGE — Dorothy I. Ryan, 89, of LaGrange, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

A lifelong LaGrange County resident, she was a homemaker and worked at W.R. Thomas Retail Store in LaGrange. She was a member of the LaGrange Missionary Church.

She was born Aug. 5, 1911, in South Milford to William and Dessie C. (Mory) Walker. On Sept. 7, 1931, in Angola, she married Leonard Ryan, and he preceded her in death Feb. 6, 1997.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Nancy and Merton Austin of Mendon, Mich., and Kay Strall of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, L.D. and Sue Ryan of Siloam Springs, Ark.; 15 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Gertrude Young and Katherine Walker, also preceded her in death.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at LaGrange Missionary Church, with the Rev. Bradley Ulick officiating.

Calling is today from 2 to 6 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Angola. Memorials are to the LaGrange Missionary Church.

Services Held

LIGONIER — Services for Herman Yeager, 87, of Orange City, Fla., and formerly of Wawaka, were held Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, at 11 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Harold Gingerich officiating.

Pallbearers were Mike Mast, Paul Buchmeier, Chris and Brett Yeager, Rodney Frymier and Eric Gingerich.

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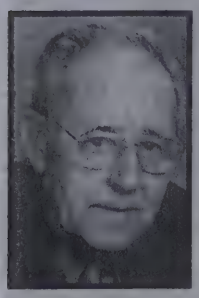
Deaths/Funerals

James Carr

AUBURN — James E. "Jim" Carr, 75, died today, Feb. 5, 2001, at 3:15 a.m. in his home on West Seventeenth Street in Auburn.



Mr. Carr

He retired in 1998 as a customer service agent for Auburn Gear with 49 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of Auburn Presbyterian Church, and a former member of the Auburn Lions Club, Auburn Board of Zoning Appeals and Auburn Plan Commission. He managed and coached youth basketball and baseball teams for the past 25 years.

Mr. Carr was born Sept. 26, 1925, in Allen County to William and Edna (Oesch) Carr.

He married Marjorie Timbrook on May 11, 1946, in Auburn Presbyterian Church, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Stephen Carr of Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama, and Richard Carr of Bremen; one daughter, Linda Means of Auburn; two brothers, Wayne Carr of Garrett and Norman Carr of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren, Andy and Nikki Carr, and Troy Means.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Auburn Presbyterian Church, with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. William Haworth will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church or the Auburn Little League.

Jack Deller

CONSTANTINE, Mich. — Jack E. Deller, 54, of Constantine, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2001, at Rose Arbor Hospice Residence in Kalamazoo, Mich.

He was born June 23, 1946, in Coldwater, Mich., to Russell "Jack" and Mae (Letts) Deller.

A graduate of Angola High School in 1964 and Albion College in 1968, he earned a bachelor's degree in business, math and economics. He later completed a master's degree in education from Western Michigan University.

He began his teaching career in 1968 in the Central Noble school system at Wolf Lake, accepting a position as principal at Athens school system in Michigan in 1970. In 1973, he moved to Constantine, where he served as athletic director and principal of the middle and high schools.

He was a member of the St. Joseph County Principals Association, the St. Joe Valley Athletic League and the Constantine Rotary Club. He also attended Trinity Missionary Church in Constantine. Devoted to children and lover of sports, he enjoyed traveling and vacationing with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, of Constantine; two daughters and a son-in-law, Laura and Brett Strick of Jenison, Mich., and Sarah Deller of Holland, Mich.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Brian and Mary Anne Deller and Matthew Deller, all of Kalamazoo, Mich.; a grandson, Clayton Strick of Jenison; a niece, Cynthia Fleming of Las Vegas; and a nephew, Mike Sellers of Sturgis, Mich.

His parents and a sister, Sandra Sellers, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Constantine High School gymnasium, with the Rev. Derl Keefer of Three Rivers Church of the Nazarene officiating. Calling will be at Eley Funeral Home in Constantine today from 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Empire, Mich. Memorials are to the Jack Deller Memorial Scholarship Fund or the Rose Arbor Hospice Residence.

Fern Saltsman

AUBURN — Fern L. Saltsman, 81, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2001, at 7:15 a.m. in her home on County Road 36-A, Auburn.

Mrs. Saltsman was a former employee of the Huntertown Post Office and was an Avon representative for 26 years in Auburn. She was a member of the County Line Church of God, rural Auburn, where she was a Sunday School teacher for 50 years.

She was born May 25, 1919, in Newville Township, DeKalb County, to Wilbur and Grace (Gerig) Hartung.

She married Jesse Saltsman on April 11, 1953, in the Brush College Church of God in Auburn. He died Oct. 7, 1973.

Surviving her are one daughter, Joyce Saltsman of Auburn; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Robert Hartung, and Richard and Allie Hartung, all of Huntertown; and another sister-in-law, Frances Kessler of Auburn.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the County Line Church of God, with calling after 10 a.m. Pastor Robert Herman, Stuart Kruse and Dane Kruse will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to Turning Point, P.O. Box 480, Huntertown IN 46748 or a charity of the donor's choice.

Evening Star, Mon., Feb. 5, 2001 (cont'd)

Tammy Coble and infant

AUBURN — Tammy Lynn Coble, 26, and her infant died today, Feb. 5, 2001, at 12:42 a.m. at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis. She lived in Auburn.

She was born April 9, 1974, in Auburn. She was a homemaker

Surviving are her father, Michael Coble of Butler; her mother and stepfather, Cynthia and Denny Bailey of Auburn; her daughter, Desiree Dawn Nodine of Auburn; her grandmothers, Nancy Frain of Auburn and Judy King of Butler; and her fiancé, Danny Kissinger.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after noon. Burial will be in Osborn Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Indiana University Medical Center.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Cleo G. Halsey,** 91, of Kendallville, formerly of rural Wolcottville, died Sunday. Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

HUNTERTOWN — **Barbara L. "Boots" Oakerson,** 70, of Huntertown, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday.

HUNTERTOWN — **Calvin A. Oakerson,** 72, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home.

The Evening Star, Tues., Feb. 6, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Logan Tucker

AUBURN — Logan Skylar Tucker was stillborn Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Surviving are his parents, Marion and Jocelyn Tucker of Auburn; a brother, Lucas Tucker of Rome City; his grandparents, Wayne and Lila Slavin of Auburn, and Ruth and Marion Tucker Sr. of LaGrange; and his great-grandparents, John and Bonnie Bishop of Garrett, DeWitt Slavin of Monticello, Ky., and Hazel Samples of Avilla.

Graveside services were held today at 11 a.m. in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, was in charge of arrangements.

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Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after noon. Burial will be in Osborn Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Indiana University Medical Center.

Leonard Royal

BUTLER — Leonard Royal, 59, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, in Butler.

Mr. Royal was a retired farm laborer who worked for Lloyd Lautzenhiser of Hamilton for five to seven years. He lived in Butler.

He was born Nov. 9, 1941, in Butler to John and Emma Royal. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are three sisters, Rita Smalley of Homosassa, Fla., Dorothy Myers of Butler and Rosemary Royal of Fort Wayne; one brother, James Royal of Angola; and three stepbrothers, Melvin Royal and Johnny Royal, both of Fort Wayne, and Eldard Royal of Allegan, Mich.

Two sisters, Theresa Spieth and Ruth Ann Royal, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after noon. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Evening Star, Tues., Feb. 6, 2001 (cont'd)

Owen Fennell

LAGRANGE — Owen D. Fennell, 72, of LaGrange, died at 7:50 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, 2001, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Fennell

He was born to Jacob Earl and Marie (Alleshouse) Fennell on April 29, 1928, in LaGrange County. He was a lifetime resident of the county.

He was a farmer. He retired from Ross Laboratories in Sturgis, Mich., after 20 years in 1976. Mr. Fennell was a member of Brighton Chapel, a former 4-H club leader and an avid basketball fan.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jane Ann and Larry Cushing of Howe; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Ron L. and Kim Fennell of LaGrange, Douglas O. and Barbara Fennell of Howe, Duane R. Fennell of Lakewood, Colo., and Michael R. and Tammy Fennell of Howe; two sisters, Mary Ellen Hartman of Auburn and Jerilyn Phillips of Howe; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Gregory O. Cushing, on Oct. 30, 1995, and two sisters, Lois Seybert and Carma Eaton.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Brighton Chapel in Brighton with the Rev. Rodney Schuler officiating. Burial will be in Pretty Prairie Cemetery, Howe.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Memorials to Brighton Chapel or LaGrange County 4-H Association.

Hazel Treesh

GARRETT — Hazel C. Treesh, 84, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2001, at her son's home in Garrett.

Mrs. Treesh was a homemaker and member of Living Waters Community Church in Garrett. She lived in Columbia City most of her life and moved to Garrett in 1994.

She married Oliver James Treesh on May 13, 1937, in Fort Wayne. He died July 9, 1993.

Surviving are a daughter, Marsha Jo Smith of Albion; four sons, Melvin A. Treesh of Auburn, Robert L. Treesh and Richard E. Treesh, both of Columbia City, and James Treesh of Garrett; two sisters, Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Grant and Ella Rose Barton, both of Columbia City; one brother, William Miles "Buck" Sheets of Sneedville, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Bertha (Busch) Sheets; a son, Lorne "Larry" Treesh; three sisters, Hattie Sheets Bradington, Louella Richey and Effa Watson; one brother, Jack Sheets; and five grandchildren, Timothy Treesh Jr., David Eugene Treesh, David James Treesh, Kenneth Wilcoxson and Mark Alan Treesh.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling after 9 a.m. The Rev. Dean Morris, pastor of Unity Chapel Church in Auburn, will officiate. Burial will be in Nolt Cemetery.

Calling is today from 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Whitley County chapter of the American Cancer Society or Living Waters Community Church, Garrett.

Gregory Roach

WATERLOO — Gregory E. Roach, 27, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2001, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Roach was a laborer at Freda Corp.

He was born Oct. 2, 1973, in Dallas, Texas.

Surviving him are his mother and stepfather, Sandra and David Bartolin of Waterloo; his father, Gary A. Roach of Porter, Texas; a half-brother, Geoffrey A. Roach of Porter; a stepbrother, Jeremy "Jay" Bartolin of Kendallville; a stepsister, Michelle Barnett of Longview, Texas; his paternal grandparents, George and Betty Roach of Dallas; his maternal grandmother, Bertha King of Edgewood, Texas; and his stepgrandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bartolin of Kirkwood, Mo.

There will be no services or calling. D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Parkview Memorial Hospital's Critical Care Unit.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Harley A. Bontrager,** 85, of LaGrange, died at 10:10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5, 2001, at home. Services are 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the family residence, 1905S — 300W, LaGrange. Bishop Sam J.R. Miller and the Rev. Alvin T. Yoder will officiate. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange. Calling is after 4 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at the residence. Arrangements by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

LAGRANGE — **Charles L. Cline,** 82, LaGrange, died at 7:22 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Burkett Smith officiating. Burial is in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

KENDALLVILLE — **Cleo G. Halsey,** 91, of Kendallville, formerly of rural Wolcottville, died at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, 2001, in her home, following a two-month illness. Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Beacon Baptist Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Ron Stratman officiating. Burial is in Woodruff Cemetery, LaGrange. Calling is today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

The Evening Star, Wed., Feb. 7, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Beulah Billings

BUTLER — Beulah C. Billings, 94, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2001, at 7:10 p.m. in Byron Health Care Center, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Billings was a homemaker and lived in Butler. She was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church.

She was born Feb. 17, 1906, in Butler to Everett and Martha (Gingrich) Spake.

She married Herbert Billings on Oct. 4, 1923, in Fort Wayne. He died March 3, 1976.

Surviving her are one son, Vaughn Billings of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Karen Schaab of Hamilton; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant son; two brothers, Harmon and Loren Spake; and two sisters, Anna Lowe and Norma Miller.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Butler United Methodist Church, with Pastor Dennis Leinbach officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Memorials are to the church.

Area Deaths

SHIPSHEWANA — **Ryan J. Gilson,** 14, of Shipshewana, formerly of Middlebury, died at 11:25 a.m. Monday at Vencor Hospital, LaGrange, after collapsing during gym class at Westview Junior-Senior High School. Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, with the Rev. Brian Arbuckle of Marion Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana. Calling is today from 5 to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Emma Mennonite Church, Topeka.

GOSHEN — **Ida J. Miller,** 68, of Goshen died at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at her home. Services are 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Mervin Dean Hostetler residence, 62987 East County Line Road, Goshen, with burial in South Eash Clinton Cemetery, Millersburg. Calling will begin after 2 p.m. today and continue all day Thursday at the home of her sister, Barbara Miller, 62503 East County Line Road, Goshen.

The Evening Star, Thurs., Feb. 8, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Edwin Selman Jr.

ANGOLA — Edwin W. "Bill" Selman Jr., 67, of Angola, died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2001, at his residence.

Mr. Selman was elected mayor of Angola in 1991 and re-elected in 1995 and 1999. He currently was serving his third term in office. He also was elected to the Angola Common Council in 1975 and served four terms.

He attended Angola High School and graduated from St. Ambrose High School in Davenport, Iowa. He attended St. Ambrose College in Davenport and then served in the U.S. Army from 1953-56 in the 11th Airborne Division.

He was the owner of Selman Heating and Plumbing from 1960-98. He was a member of Angola American Legion Post 31, the Northern Indiana Mayor's Roundtable and St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Angola.

He was a former chairman of the Steuben County Democratic Party, a board member of the Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District and the Angola Building and Trades organization.

He was born June 9, 1933, in Ames, Iowa, to Edwin W. and Frances (Rea) Selman.

In May 1960, he married Betty Tolly, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Susan E. Selman of Fort Wayne; two sons and two daughters-in-law, Thomas H. and Pamela A. Selman of Angola, and Edwin W. "Bill" and Renee E. Selman III of Flemington, N.J.; a sister, Mary Elizabeth Ward of Irvine, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Barbara Ellen Selman.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Graveside services will be conducted by Angola American Legion Post 31.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Angola Parks and Recreation Department.

Evening Star, Thurs, Feb. 8, 2001 (cont'd)

Judy Levy

AUBURN — Judy L. Levy, 85, died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2001, after a lengthy illness.

She lived most of her life in Richmond, Ind., before moving to Auburn in 1991. She was employed by General Telephone Co. in Santa Barbara, Calif. in the early 1970s. She held several positions, including retail assistant, for several Richmond clothiers. She also was employed as a nursing aide at Richmond State Hospital. She also worked as a legal secretary for a private investigation firm in Richmond before her retirement and relocation to Auburn.

She was active in Psi Iota Psi Sorority and Girls Scouts of America in Richmond, and was a longstanding member of the First Baptist Church in Richmond. She graduated from Lincoln High School in Cambridge City and attended Indiana Business School. She enjoyed golf, bowling and bridge.

She was born Oct. 21, 1915, in Pershing, Ind., to George and Lola Shafer.

Also surviving are two daughters, Sharon L. Harris of Auburn and Sandra Crowder of Plano, Texas; one sister, Betty; four grandchildren, Marti Teresa Benner of Dallas, Texas; H. Todd Benner of Midlothian, Texas; Rebecca Jean Sellars of Leo, and Jennifer Lynn Hoag of Auburn; and 10 great-grandchildren, Britnie, Trevin, Chelsea, Danielle, Adrianne, Justin, Austin, Natalie, Jamie and Faith.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Evelyn, and three brothers, Wilbur, Woodrow and Elmer.

Private graveside services will be held in Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery in East Germantown, Ind. Minister Ron Collins of Cedar Creek Church of Christ in Leo will officiate. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Rigo Garcia

AUBURN — Rigo Berto Garcia, 23 months, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2001, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a DeKalb County traffic accident.

He was born March 3, 1999, in Auburn to Antonio Garcia and Stephanie Bennett. They both survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are his maternal grandparents, Richard and Rita Bennett of Avilla; his paternal grandparents, Rodolfo Garcia and Maria Garcia, both of Mexico; and his great-grandmother, Madge Harshbarger of Fort Wayne.

Rigo Garcia

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Pastor Dale Henderson will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Scott Targgart

SYRACUSE — Scott Targgart, 43, of Syracuse, formerly a resident of LaGrange County, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Targgart was born in DeKalb County on Oct. 31, 1957. He was a self-employed subcontractor.

On Feb. 17, 1984, he married Teresa L. Hurst in Fort Wayne. She survives in Syracuse.

Also surviving are two children, Joy M. and Joshua S. Targgart, both of Syracuse; a stepson, Jonathan M. Hurst of Lake City, Tenn.; his father, Ronald D. Nichols of Lake Placid, Fla.; his stepfather, Larry Targgart of LaGrange; two half-sisters and a brother-in-law, Marla and Harley Miller of Wolcottville and Dawn Targgart of LaGrange.

His mother, Marianne M. (Felger) Targgart, preceded him in death.

A gathering at the family residence in Syracuse will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday. Memorials are to the Targgart family.

Virginia Laux

SPENCERVILLE — Virginia Rugman Laux, 78, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2001, in Florida.

Mrs. Laux worked for 25 years as a financial secretary to the superintendent of the DeKalb County Eastern Community School District in Butler. She lived in Spencerville until 1980, when she moved to Fruitland Park, Fla. She was a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter 386 in Spencerville. She attended Christ United Methodist Church in Leesburg, Fla.

She was born Jan. 13, 1923, in Garrett to Ford and Alletia (Babbitt) Rugman.

She married Virgil Allen Laux on Feb. 1, 1945, in Spencerville. He died April 27, 1986.

Surviving her are one daughter, Lerene E. Salisbury of Clinton; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A son, Paul Laux, preceded her in death in November 1998.

Eastern Star services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m., with funeral services immediately following, at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. Pastor Mark Hambrock will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, DeKalb Chapter, 720 Martz Drive, Indian Terrace Villa 2, Auburn IN 46706.

The Evening Star, Fri., Feb. 9, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Mary Ann Elliott

AUBURN — Mary Ann Elliott, 84, died Thursday, Feb. 8, 2001, at 5:25 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She worked for six years for the Husselman and Mefford Abstract office in Auburn, then for 19 years in the medical records department at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Elliott was a past president of the Business and Professional Women, past matron of the Order of the Eastern Star District 21, and Eastern Star 103, where she held several offices, including district representative on the state level. She also was involved in several Shrine organizations, including T.D. Tetishei and a Shriners widows' group. She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

She was born Nov. 17, 1917, in Chaffee, Mo., to Bert F. and Emma E. (Witt) Nisley.

She married James E. Elliott on Nov. 24, 1940, in Lafayette. He died Feb. 7, 1995.

Surviving are two daughters, Virginia E. and John Wisel of Carmel and Jo Ann Bechtel of Noblesville; one grandson, Christopher A. Wisel; and two great-grandchildren, Sadie Bishop and Ryan Christopher Wisel.

A brother, William O. Nisley, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with the Rev. William Haworth of the Auburn Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in Spring Vale Cemetery in Lafayette.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 p.m. in the funeral home, with an Eastern Star service at 5 p.m.

Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church in memory of the Rev. Heimach and the Rev. Freeman.

Hettie Ballard

ANGOLA — Hettie O. Ballard, 79, of Angola, died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2001, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Ballard worked at Harman's Ladies Wear and the Carnegie Public Library, both in Angola. She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola.

She was born Jan. 21, 1922, in Celina, Tenn., to Charles and Lillie (Bennett) Brown.

On Nov. 1, 1947, she married Benton F. Ballard, He died Sept. 28, 1999.

Surviving are a daughter, Cyndia Moore of South Haven, Mich.; a brother, Charles B. Brown of Greenfield; two sisters, Elizabeth Lepere of Greenfield and Wilma D. LaMastus of Greenwood; a granddaughter, Heather Whaley of Lakeland, Minn.; and a great-grandchild, Tessa Whaley.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Heidi Moore, and a great-grandson, Tyler Osteen.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Land of Lakes Lions Club and the First Congregational United Church of Christ.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Chester A. Reid,** 87, died Thursday at Oak Leaf Village. Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

WAKARUSA — **Ida L. Kauffman,** 77, of Wakarusa, formerly of rural Middlebury, died Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor, Wakarusa. Services are 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Kenny Jones residence, 59445 C.R. 43, Middlebury. Calling is after 10 a.m. Saturday at 59276 C.R. 43, Middlebury.

Deaths/Funerals

Lani Hall

BUTLER — Lani M. Friend Wallace Hall, 57, died Thursday, Feb. 8, 2001, at her home in Butler.

She was retired from her work as a laborer for Halex Corp.

She was born Feb. 9, 1943, in Garrett to John and Iveeta (Kurtz) Friend. Her father survives in Corunna.

Also surviving are five daughters, Jackie Haverstock, Jana Hill, Tammy Van Dyke, Kathy Wallace and Ann West, all of Butler; a son, John Friend of Butler; two sisters, Connie Brown of Rome City and Ilene Fogelsong of Garrett; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother; two daughters, Lynette and Leeann; and a son-in-law, Alvin Hill.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. Lavon Kittle will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Betty Tingle

ANGOLA — Betty Jane Tingle, 79, of Angola and formerly of Defiance, Ohio, died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2001, in Grand Rapids, Mich.

She was born in Fayette, Ohio, to Ellis and Bernice (Neuman) Maginn.

In 1947, she married R.B. Tingle. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Jeanette Tingle of Defiance; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Chet VanDellen of Grand Rapids; six grandchildren, Kevin, Tisha, Kip and Kate Tingle and Matthew and Mark VanDellen; and Matthew VanDellen's fiancée, Lindsay.

Memorial services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Defiance. Burial will be in Schiffler Cemetery in Pulaski, Ohio.

Memorials are to Hospice of Holland Home, Grand Rapids, or the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Dallas.

Matthysse and Kuiper Funeral Home in Grandville, Mich., is in charge of arrangements.

Carlos F. Gaff

HAMILTON — Carlos F. Gaff, 82, of Hamilton, died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2001, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gaff was born May 22, 1918, to Oliver and Jessie (Hunt) Gaff, in Kimmel. He married Betty Humphrey, May 22, 1975. He was an Iron Pourer at Newman Foundry for 45 years, a member of the Hamilton Wesleyan Church, the Fish and Game Club, Happy Splashers, was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are six daughters and four sons-in-law, Shirley and Harl Fisher of Butler, Ruth Logsdon of Smithgreenfield, Mo., Barbara and Ralph Rosendaul of Montpelier, Ohio, Bonnie Braugh of Hamilton, Patty and Pat Spangler of Frontier, Mich., and Linda and Steve Tulley of Edon, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Kathy Gaff of Hamilton; 35 grandchildren; 39 great grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth Gaff; his second wife, Betty Gaff; his sister Dessie Dobbins; and his brothers Clarence, Otto, Earl, Perry, and Lawrence Gaff.

Services are 2 p.m. Tuesday, at the Hamilton Wesleyan Church with the Revs. David Leitzel and Mike Moore officiating. Burial will follow at Eddy Cemetery. Calling is 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

Memorials are to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, or an organization of the donor's choice.

Lucille Skeens

ANGOLA — Lucille Skeens, 91, of Angola, died Thursday, Feb. 8, 2001, in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Skeens was born Aug. 31, 1909, to David and Emma (Stewart) Hurt, in Hubbardstown, WV. She was a welder at Pittsfield for 16 years.

Surviving are her children ?? sons and ?? daughters-in-law, Charles and Wanda Skeens of Kenova, WV., Benjamin and Joanne Skeens of Ocala, Fla., Bobby and Sharon Skeens of Hamilton, Herbert and Roberta Skeens of Bryan, Ohio; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Patricia McKnight of Hamilton, Lola and Doug Musser of Angola, and Linda and Steve Best of Edon, Ohio; 26 grandchildren; 65 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; and a sister Pauline Petty of Pritchard, WV. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry E. Skeens; four brothers; and four sisters.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at the Hamilton Church of Christ, with the Rev. Amos McGinnis officiating. Burial will follow in Hamilton Cemetery. Calling is 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department or an organization of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Alyce M. Rhodes**, 58, died Friday evening at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

PORTLAND — **Cheryl D. Hinkle**, 53, of Portland, died unexpectedly Thursday Feb. 8, 2001, in the Jay County Hospital. She was a summer resident of the Kendallville area. Services are 2 p.m. Sunday, in the Asbury United Methodist Church with Pastor Keith Olson officiating. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery at Portland. Calling is from 1-6 p.m. Saturday, in the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at the church.

William Hazelton Sr.

FORT WAYNE — William J. Hazelton Sr., 80, died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2001, at Regency Place in Fort Wayne.

Born in Continental, Ohio, Mr. Hazelton was employed with the U.S. Postal Service for 37 years in the Special Delivery Department before retiring in 1979.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie (Winebrenner), in December 1989.

Mr. Hazelton was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, American Legion Post 47, and U.S. Postal Service Carriers Union.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Marine Corps as one of Carlson's Raiders. He received the Purple Heart award for his service in the Pacific battles at Guadalcanal and Tarawa.

Surviving are three sons, Donald E. Hendricks of LaCrescenta, Calif., Melvin A. Hendricks Sr. of Fort Wayne, and Bill Hazelton Jr. of Evansville; four daughters, Jacqueline Heyneman of Bedford, Fran Ort of New Haven, Kathi J. Clifton of Spencerville and Georjean Bush of Fort Wayne; and 22 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

Prayers are Monday at 9:30 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Church in Fort Wayne.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home, with a vigil service at 4:30 p.m.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery with military graveside services provide by American Legion Post 47.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice or Turnstone Center.

Verna Weaver

LAGRANGE — Verna Ellen Weaver, 63, died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2001, at 3:30 p.m. at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Weaver

She had been in declining health the past year and was moved from her home in Topeka to the nursing home just one day prior to her death. She had resided in Topeka the last nine years, coming from Cromwell.

Mrs. Weaver was an owner/operator of various restaurants. She last worked at Tiffany's Restaurant in Topeka. She also did a lot of Amish taxi work.

She was a member of Eden Community Worship Center and was active in Sunday school and Vacation Bible School at several churches.

Mrs. Weaver was born Oct. 5, 1937, in Goshen to Menno D. and Barbara Ann (Hostetler) Miller. Her mother survives in Middlebury

On Oct. 27, 1955, she married Mahlon Jay Weaver in Goshen. He also survives.

Also surviving are four sisters, Ida Mae Weaver of Hartville, Ohio, Ruth Miller of Wolcottville, Lorene Hershberger of Apple Creek, Ohio, and Esther Irene Miller of Bloomfield, Ohio; four brothers, Jonas M. Miller of Millersburg, Vernon J. Miller of Loveland, Colo., Leroy Miller of Colorado Springs, Colo., and David Miller of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Maple Grove Church in Topeka, with the Rev. Harold Gingerich of Eden Community Worship Center and the Rev. Alpha Miller officiating.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Maple Grove Church, and one hour prior to funeral services Tuesday.

Burial will be in Townline Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to her family for funeral expenses, in care of Eden Community Worship Center.

Maymie McClain

HARTFORD CITY — Maymie L. McClain, 88, of Montpelier, died at 8:53 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, 2001, at Blackford County Hospital.

Mrs. McClain was born on Aug. 13, 1912, in Jay County to Joseph Edward and Mary Elizabeth (Coleman) Bricker.

She attended Trenton School in Trenton. Mrs. McClain also attended Ridertown United Brethren Church in Dunkirk and retired in 1975 from Sheller Globe-Montpelier after working there since 1949.

On Dec. 13, 1931, she married Dewy Leo Lewis McClain in Winchester. He preceded her in death on May 22, 1952.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. McClain was preceded in death by a son, Norman D. McClain; a sister, Gertrude M. Ford; one grandson; and three great-grandchildren.

Surviving are six sons, James E. McClain of Orland, Leo D. McClain of Bellfast, Tenn., Douglas W. McClain of Hartford City, and Adelma R., Keith A. and Truman J. McClain, all of Montpelier; a daughter, Betty L. Sills of Montpelier; six sisters, Georgia M. Knuckols of Millgrove, Alma I. Knuckols of Parker City, Elwanda L. Kelly of Trenton, and Gladys Qualls, June D. Wilson and Bonnie M. Disinger, all of Dunkirk; 22 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren.

Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday at Glancy Funeral Homes-Walker Chapel in Montpelier, with the Rev. Bob Bothast officiating.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Twin Hill Cemetery in Pennville.

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Alyce Rhodes

AVILLA — Alyce M. Rhodes, 58, died Friday, Feb. 9, 2001, at 4:45 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Rhodes was born in Auburn on Dec. 10, 1942, to Spencer and Mildred (Snyder) Bard. She worked at Taylor-Made Inc. in Kendallville for 10 years after moving from Corunna in 1963.

On Nov. 2, 1963, she married Allen Rhodes at Maple Grove United Church of the Brethren in DeKalb County. He survives.

Also surviving are her mother; her mother-in-law, Marsha Rhodes of Avilla; two sons, Brad Rhodes of Medaryville and Mark Rhodes of LaOtto; a daughter, Rene Pruitt of Kendallville; six grandchildren, Samantha, Jarrod, Alyceson and Courtney Rhodes, and Sydney and Rhys Pruitt; three sisters, Necia Myers of Waterloo, and Marty Hissong and Robyn Eddy, both of Auburn; and three aunts, Vera Haines of Easton, Md., Opal Beck of Kendallville, and Beatrice Synder of Auburn.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating.

Mrs. Brown was a member of the church.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Harriet Mims

FREMONT — Harriet Jane Mims, 83, died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2001, in Fremont.

Mrs. Mims was born Jan. 30, 1918, in Berne to Edward and Arvada (Lantz) Augsburger.

On Jan. 14, 1962, she married Walter Mims, who survives. Her first husband, David Liechty, died in 1961.

Mrs. Mims was a homemaker, but formerly worked for General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne. She was also co-owner of Mims Apple Orchard.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Coldwater, Mich., for 48 years. She served as a Sunday school teacher for 30-plus years and was superintendent of the kindergarten department for 30 years.

Mrs. Mims was active in many organizations. She was a member of the Sweet Adeline Chorus of Coldwater, the Town & Country Club of Fremont, the Sorosis Literacy Club in Fremont, and a 25-year member of the Angola Women's Bowling League.

Also surviving with her husband are two sons, Doug Liechty of Horton, Mich., and Larry Liechty of Fremont; a daughter and son-in-law, Terri and Jeff Robertson of Muncie; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Bryce Augsburger, and a sister, Lois Bruns.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. John Benham officiating.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Memorials are to the donors' choice.

Grace Barta

FORT WAYNE — Grace "Gerry" G. Barta of Fort Wayne died Friday, Feb. 9, 2001, at Woodview Health Care.

She was a DeKalb County native, and was a former teacher with Fort Wayne Community Schools. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church and a member of the Indiana State Retired Teachers Association.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph Jr.; a daughter, Carol Wene of Corunna; sons Brent Barta of Zionsville and David Barta of Belvidere, Ill.; a sister, Claire Windoffer of Alabama; brothers George and Charles Oberlin, both of Fort Wayne; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

The Evening Star, Mon., Feb. 12, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Alyce M. Rhodes

AVILLA — Alyce M. Rhodes, 58, died Friday, Feb. 9, 2001, at 4:45 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Rhodes was born in Auburn on Dec. 10, 1942, to Spencer and Mildred (Snyder) Bard. She worked at Taylor-Made Inc. in Kendallville for 10 years after moving from Corunna in 1963.

Rhodes

On Nov. 2, 1963, she married Allen Rhodes at Maple Grove United Church of the Brethren in DeKalb County. He survives.

Also surviving are her mother; her mother-in-law, Marsha Rhodes of Avilla; two sons, Brad Rhodes of Medaryville and Mark Rhodes of LaOtto; a daughter, Rene Pruitt of Kendallville; six grandchildren, Samantha, Jarrod, Alyceson and Courtney Rhodes, and Sydney and Rhys Pruitt; three sisters, Necia Myers of Waterloo, and Marty Hissong and Robyn Eddy, both of Auburn; and three aunts, Vera Haines of Easton, Md., Opal Beck of Kendallville, and Beatrice Synder of Auburn.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating.

Mrs. Rhodes was a member of the church.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Carl Smith

AUBURN — Carl L. Smith, 47, died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2001, at his Auburn home.

He was a product supervisor at Nabisco in Kendallville.

Mr. Smith was born Oct. 4, 1953, in Washington, Ind., to Lester and Patsy (Stephens) Smith. They survive in Washington.

He married Terri Brewer on March 6, 1982, in Washington, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Caitlin D. Smith and Megan R. Smith, both of Auburn; and two brothers, Sam Smith of Washington and Kent Smith of Edgewood, Ky.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. Roger Greas officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Megan and Caitlin Smith Scholarship Fund.

June Brown

AUBURN — June M. Brown, 71, died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2001, at 2 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She retired in 1983 after 15 years as a nurse at Souder Hospital in Auburn.

She was born Dec. 30, 1929, in Noble County to Lyle and Maudena (Deter) Mulholland.

She married Edwin Brown on July 14, 1951, in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Robert Brown and Kenneth Brown, both of Auburn; three sisters, Marilee Obendorf and Shirley Blevins, both of Auburn, and Margret Patton of Mousie, Ky.; two grandchildren, Derrick and Brook Brown; and one great-grandchild, Lillieann Brown.

She was preceded in death by a brother, James Mulholland, and a sister, Martha Amerman.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Donald Shankster of Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, Corunna, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, Corunna.

Frances La Fever

GARRETT — Frances La Fever, 91, died Friday, Feb. 9, 2001, in Garrett.

Mrs. La Fever lived in Fort Wayne most of her life. She was the former owner of Ideal Trailer for 15 years, retiring in 1967. She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church and Fort Wayne Women of the Moose.

She was born March 23, 1909, in Fort Wayne. She married Leonard La Fever on May 13, 1937 in Wabash, and he died in 1985.

Surviving her are one daughter, Sally E. Schomburg of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Mildred L. Berning of New Haven, Delores M. Webb of Fort Wayne and Betty Longarden of Garrett; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is today from 4-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Helen Bolenbaugh

GARRETT — Helen Geiger Bolenbaugh, 68, died today, Feb. 12, 2001, at her daughter's home in Garrett.

She formerly lived at Tri-Lakes and rural Churubusco.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Don Mendenhall in 1953, and Alfred Bolenbaugh, who died in 1983.

Surviving her are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Ellen and Steve LaRue of Columbia City, Joan Walker of Columbia City, Donna LaRue of Camarillo, Calif., Faith and Dean Harshman of Churubusco, and Bonnie and Troy Bigalow of Auburn; her mother, Mary Geiger of Churubusco; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Paul and Judy Geiger, Charles and Joyce Geiger, and Harry and Kay Geiger, all of Churubusco; five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Leona and William Uptgraft of Merriam, Claire and Gary Nuenthel of Edgerton, Wis., Mary Ann Gaerte of Albion, Bonnie and William Schirmeyer of Fort Wayne, and Pauline and Jerry Lane of Little Suamico, Wis.

Arrangments are pending at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Evening Star, Mon., Feb. 12, 2001 (cont'd)

Robert Miller

BUTLER — Robert W. Miller, 66, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2001, at 6 a.m. in his home on County Road 50, Butler. He apparently suffered a heart attack.

Mr. Miller had worked at International Harvester in Fort Wayne and retired from the Springfield, Ohio, plant.

He was born Oct. 17, 1934, in Allen County to Elmer and Pauline Marie (Lindenmayer) Miller.

Surviving him are three sons, Mike Miller of Antwerp, Ohio, Larry Miller of Hicksville, Ohio, and Ron Miller of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Don Miller of Warsaw, Gaylord Miller of Columbia City, and Paul Miller of Fremont; three sisters, Jean Johnson of Florence, Ala., Delores Bowling of Deming, N.M., and Maxine Merdith of Fort Wayne; and eight grandchildren.

Two sisters, Thelma Ringenberg and Janet Kumfer, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with calling after 9 a.m. Minister Lloyd Turnbull will officiate. Burial will be in Fremont.

Additional calling is Wednesday after 6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Elmer Lassus

FORT WAYNE — Elmer F. Lassus, 93, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2001, at 4:30 a.m. in his Fort Lauderdale, Fla., home.

Mr. Lassus was the founder of Lassus Brothers Fuel & Heating Oil Co. in 1937. He was a member of the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree, Fort Wayne Country Club, and Sierra Club of Fort Wayne. He was a lifetime Fort Wayne resident.

He was born Aug. 4, 1907, in Fort Wayne to August and Henrietta Lassus.

Surviving him are two sons, Jon Lassus of Fort Wayne and James Lassus of Angola; two sisters, Dorothy Martin of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Rita Yarnelle of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Madeline M. (Boedeker) Lassus, on July 9, 1997; a daughter, Judy Griese; and two brothers.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 1100 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne. Father Robert Schulte will officiate. Entombment will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home. A vigil service will be held Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

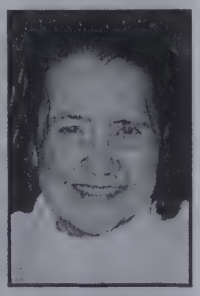
The Evening Star, Tues., Feb. 13, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Helen Bolenbaugh

CHURUBUSCO — Helen M. Bolenbaugh, 68, a former resident of Tri-Lakes and rural Churubusco, died at 6:50 a.m. Monday, Feb. 12, 2001, at her daughter's residence south of Garrett. She had been seriously ill since September.

She spent most of her formative years in the Churubusco area. She was a member of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Ladies Auxiliary in Churubusco. She retired in 1988 from Dana Corp. after five years.



Bolenbaugh

She was born Sept. 15, 1932, in Allen County to Earl G. and Mary (Harter) Geiger. Her mother survives. On Aug. 19, 1950, she married Don Mendenhall, who preceded her in death Sept. 25, 1953. On July 18, 1961, she married Alfred E. Bolenbaugh. He preceded her in death Dec. 12, 1983.

Surviving with her mother are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Ellen and Steve LaRue and Joan Walker, all of Columbia City, Donna LaRue of Camarillo, Calif., Faith and Dean Harshman of Churubusco, and Bonnie and Troy Bigelow of rural Auburn; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Willis Bolenbaugh, and James and Kelly Bolenbaugh, all of Churubusco; two stepsons, Robert Bolenbaugh of Fort Wayne and Lee Bolenbaugh of Angola; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Paul and Judy, Charles and Joyce and Harry and Kay Geiger, all of Churubusco; five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Leona and William Uptgraft of Merriam, Claire and Gary Nuenthel of Edgerton, Wis., Mary Ann Gaerte of Albion, Bonnie and William Schirmeyer of Fort Wayne and Pauline and Jerry Lane of Little Suamico, Wis.; 19 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death with her father and two husbands were a brother, George Geiger, and a stepdaughter, Melanie Bolenbaugh.

Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with pastors Paul D. White and Dell Harshman of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling is from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice, Auburn.

Evening Star, Tues., Feb. 13, 2001 (cont'd)

W. June Mark

AVILLA — W. June Mark, 77, died at 5:07 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, 2001, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble hospital.

She was born March 26, 1923, in Angola to Dale and Wildus (Dailey) Fanning.

On Dec. 6, 1945 she married Don Mark at the Chapel in Angola. He survives in Avilla.

Mrs. Mark spent 28 1/2 years as a bookkeeper/receptionist at Family Medical Clinic in Avilla. During World War II she worked at G.E.

She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Also surviving are a son, Stan Mark of Angola; and a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Jerry Becker of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Kevin and Julie Becker, Joe and Carrie Huelsenbeck, Tony Mark and Drew Mark; three sisters, Maxine Woodworth of Angola, Phyllis Lobdell of Detroit, Mich., and Mary Johnson of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Robert Fanning of Angola.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Marcella Seavy, and a brother, William Joseph Fanning.

Services were at 11 a.m. today at Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the church.

Lani Hall

BUTLER — Lani M. Friend Wallace Hall, 58, died Thursday, Feb. 8, 2001, at her home in Butler.

She was retired from her work as a laborer for Halex Corp.

She was born Feb. 9, 1942, in Garrett to John and Iveeta (Kurtz) Friend. Her father survives in Corunna.

Also surviving are five daughters, Jackie Haverstock, Jana Hill, Tammy Van Dyke, Kathy Wallace and Ann West, all of Butler; a brother, John Friend of Butler; two sisters, Connie Brown of Rome City and Ilene Fogelsong of Garrett; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother; two daughters, Lynette and Leeann; and a son-in-law, Alvin Hill.

Services were held Monday at 10 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. Lavon Kittle will officiate. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

A. June McCreery

KENDALLVILLE — A. June McCreery, 79, died at 2:36 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, 2001, at Parkview Noble hospital, Kendallville. She had been ill since October.

She was born in LaPorte on June 17, 1921, to Welcome Willard and Engla Christina (Erickson) Short.

On Oct. 28, 1950, she married Milton McCreery in Fort Wayne. He died in 1987.

An avid churchgoer, she was a member of Green Chapel Redeemed Church.

She lived in Kendallville since 1959, coming from Albion. Mrs. McCreery was a nurse's aide at McCray Hospital, retiring in 1983 after 23 years. She also worked at Irene Byron in Fort Wayne

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen G. and Dawn McCreery of Rome City; a stepson and daugther-in-law, Jon and Judy McCreery of Mobile, Ala.; two stepdaughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Gerald Wentworth of Kendallville and Carolyn and Jack Sperback of Lafayette; a sister, Mary Jane Byerwalter of Western Springs, Ill.; 20 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a stepson, Gene Arnold McCreery.

Services are at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Roger Russell officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery at a later date.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Green Chapel Redeemed Church.

Elmer Goodman

WATERLOO — Elmer Ray "Red" Goodman, 62, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2001, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Goodman was retired as a construction worker for Zimmerman Construction in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Butler Eagles lodge.

He was born May 19, 1937, in Floyd County, Ky., to Clint and Ellen (Conley) Goodman.

He married Linda Powers on March 15, 1985, in Noble County, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Carlos Goodman of Moline, Ill., Bobby Turner of Spencerville and Paul Turner of Angola; three daughters, Glenda Guenin of Kendallville, Rita Goodman of Waterloo and Katrinna Abney of Dixon, Ill.; five brothers, Dave of Stroh, Bill of Mongo, Harold of Avilla, James of Rome City, and Claude of Kendallville; four sisters, Audrey Wallen, Elladean Mitchel and Elizabeth Goodman, all of Kendallville, and Jean Colburn of Corunna; and 10 grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Fuller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Doug Tuttle and Harvey Tuttle officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Beverly "Bev" Lepine

Fort Wayne — 1933-2001

Beverly "Bev" Lepine, 67, of Fort Wayne, a native of Auburn, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2001, at San Antonio Community Hospital.

"Beloved aunt to Diane, Sue, Jimmy, Summer, Bill and Scott."

She was a member of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. Surviving are sons Richard Adams Jr. of Columbus, Ohio, and Donald Adams of Danville, Ky.; a daughter, Karen Leber of Fontana, Calif.; a brother, Robert La Vergne of Fort Wayne; a sister, Mary Freck of Florida; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Services are 10 a.m. Friday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., with calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens. Memorials are to the Lutheran Children's Deaf Camp.

Information provided by C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., 422-4232.

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Rodney Kees

NASHVILLE, Ind. — Rodney Allen Kees, 49, died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2001, at his home in Nashville, Ind.

Mr. Kees lived most of his life in Hamilton. He was a former employee of Grabill Cabinets in Grabill, Warner Gear in Auburn, and Vulcraft in St. Joe. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and a former member of the Hamilton Fish & Game Club.

He was born July 21, 1951, in Garrett to Sam and Betty (Badman) Kees. They survive in Auburn.

He married Linda Minnix on Feb. 23, 1970, in Butler, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Allison Good of Nashville; one brother, Tim Kees of St. Joe; two sisters, Ginger Zeigler of Nathlie, Va., and Jeanne Mann of Hamilton; and two grandsons, Jacob Thomas and Joshua Allen Good.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 3-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fish & Game Club or a charity of the donor's choice.

Lucille Skeens

ANGOLA — Lucille Skeens, 91, of Angola, died Thursday, Feb. 8, 2001, in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Skeens was a welder at Pittsfield for 16 years.

She was born Aug. 31, 1909, to David and Emma (Stewart) Hurt, in Hubbardstown, W.V.

Surviving are her children and their spouses, Charles and Wanda Skeens of Kenova, W.Va., Benjamin and Joanne Skeens of Ocala, Fla., Bobby and Sharon Skeens of Hamilton, Herbert and Roberta Skeens of Bryan, Ohio, Patricia McKnight of Hamilton, Lola and Doug Musser of Angola, and Linda and Steve Best of Edon, Ohio; 26 grandchildren; 65 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Pauline Petty of Pritchard, W.Va.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry E. Skeens, four brothers and four sisters.

Services were held Monday at 11 a.m. in the Hamilton Church of Christ, with the Rev. Amos McGinnis officiating. Burial was in Hamilton Cemetery.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, was in charge of arrangments

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department or an organization of the donor's choice.

The Evening Star, Wed., Feb. 14, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

KENDALLVILLE — **Berenice E. Lemaux,** 89, died at 11:41 a.m. Tuesday at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Kendallville. Services are 10 a.m. Friday at the chapel at Lake View Cemetery, with the Rev. Dr. Daniel Barker of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

ROME CITY — **Charles Fredrick Goddard**, 82, of Rome City died at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Parkview Noble hospital, Kendallville. There will be no services or viewing. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City, on Thursday at 1 p.m. Arrangements are by Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

LAGRANGE — **Keiley Marie Reid**, 1 day, died Friday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. A memorial service will be held at First Church of God, LaGrange, at noon Saturday with the Rev. Brian Van Osdol officiating. There will be private graveside services at the White Pigeon Cemetery. There is no visitation. Arrangements are by Farrand Funeral Home, White Pigeon, Mich.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Dennis R. Bieber**, 50, died Monday at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 11 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, with calling also from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with a vigil at 7:30 p.m. Burial is in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Deaths/Funerals

Robert Ormsby

WOLCOTTVILLE — Robert W. Ormsby, 73, died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

He was born Feb. 23, 1927, in Wells County to James DeLoss and Lela Elzey Ormsby.

He retired from Magnavox in 1968 after 25 years. He retired from Gridcraft in 1986 after 18 years. He then worked at House of Spirits in Kendallville.

Mr. Ormsby was a member of the Rome City American Legion and the Magnavox Quarter Century Club.

Surviving are his wife, Norma Ormsby of Wolcottville; two sons, Daniel W. Ormsby of Birmingham, Ala., and Keith L. Ormsby of St. Joe; a daughter, Cathy Wenger of Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Vaughn and Donald Ormsby, both of Bluffton.

Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Elzey and Haggard Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne, with burial at Oaklawn in Ossian with military graveside services by American Legion Post No. 241.

Calling is 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, and one hour before services Saturday, at the funeral home. Memorials to Parkwood Church of God, Fort Wayne, and Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Lucile Gatke

WARSAW — Lucile Gatke, 91, died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2001, at 11:15 a.m. in Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Mrs. Gatke was a homemaker and lived most of her life in Winona Lake.

She was born March 24, 1908, in Ann Arbor, Mich., to Albert F. and Hanna (Hanson) Andrus.

She married Donald E. Gatke in August 1928. He died July 27, 1971.

Surviving her are six sons, Dennis M. of Angola, Edward A. of Collinsville, Va., Peter T. of Warsaw, Tom of Westport, Ind., Greg "Skip" of Winona Lake, and Curt N. of Warsaw; 13 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

One sister preceded her in death.

Private services will be held at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel in Warsaw.

Esther Dobski

KENDALLVILLE — Esther M. Dobski, 93, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2001, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare, where she had resided the last three years after moving to this area with her son, Burton DeRusha.

She was born Feb. 19, 1907, to Harvey and Sarah (McCray) Montgomery.

She married Edmund Dobski in 1977 in Detroit. He preceded her in death Feb. 11, 1995.

Mrs. Dobski spent all her married life and working years in the Detroit area, living in Ferndale, Mich. She worked many years at General Motors in Detroit and retired from there in 1972.

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Burton and Bobbie DeRusha of Hudson; a daughter, Evelyn DeRusha of Fort Dick, Calif.; two granddaughters and their husbands, Kimberley and Rick Sharp of Kendallville, and Karen and Douglas Stein of Watertown, Wis.; a grandson and his wife, Kent and Cathy DeRusha of Milford, Mich.; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Chapel of Flowers, in Troy, Mich., with her grandson-in-law, the Rev. Douglas Stein, officiating.

There will be private visitation for the family.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Fred Lemmon

MARION — Fred B. Lemmon, 81, of Marion passed away at 10:10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2001, at Herrin Hospital.

Mr. Lemmon was born June 29, 1919, in Albion to Frank S. and Ethel Helen (Belt) Lemmon.

He married Estelle Zajicek on Aug. 26, 1943, in Ripley, Tenn. She survives.

Mr. Lemmon was an active member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Marion. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was with the 8th Air Force where he flew 25 missions as a bombardier in the European Theater.

He was also an active member of Gideons International, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Senior Citizens Council, and the Prisoner Family Support Cooperative Extension Service Council.

He was a lifetime member of the Hamilton Masonic Lodge No. 33 AF&AM and a member of Marion Masonic Lodge No. 89 AF&AM.

He worked as an area adviser for the University of Illinois as a farm management field man. He also managed dairy cattle and beef cattle cross-breeding experiments at Conner Prairie Farms near Noblesville.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Marion, with the Rev. James Slone officiating. Additional services and burial in Houston National Cemetery, Houston, Texas, will take place at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday. Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Meredith-Blue Funeral Home.

Evening Star, Thurs., Feb. 15, 2001 (cont'd)

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Kathryn Price Elderkin,** 94, of Davidson, N.C., died Tuesday at Pines Health Care, Davidson. She is a former LaGrange resident. Graveside services are at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange, with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Visitation is 10-11 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

ALBION — **F. Lee Owen,** 67, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion, with Pastor Ann Marshall officiating. Burial is in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam. Calling is Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and one hour prior to services at the church on Saturday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Esther M. Dobski,** 93, died Monday at Kendallville Manor Healthcare. Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Chapel of Flowers, in Troy, Mich. There will be private visitation for the family. Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Robert W. Ormsby,** 73, died Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange. Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Elzey and Haggard Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne, with burial at Oaklawn in Ossian with military graveside services by American Legion Post No. 241. Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday, and one hour before services Saturday, at the funeral home.

The Evening Star, Fri., Feb. 16, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Frank Moran

AUBURN — Frank A. Moran, 80, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2001, at 3:25 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home.

Mr. Moran lived in Auburn and was a clothing manager for Meyers & McCarthy, Rosewood & Ross in Fort Wayne for 15 years, retiring in 1987. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a former member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

He was born April 22, 1920, in Washington, D.C., to Frank and Sue Moran Sr.

He married Phyllis J. Peterson in June 1967. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons, Phillip "Todd" Moran of Groves, Texas, and Michael Moran of Washington, D.C.; two grandchildren, Ryan and Tyler Moran, both of Groves; and a close friend, Doris Blickenstaff.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after noon. The Rev. Roger Greaf will officiate. Burial will be in Covington Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Dolores Abbott

AUBURN — Dolores E. Abbott, 82, died Thursday, Feb. 15, 2001, at 10:10 p.m. in her home on East Third Street in Auburn.

Mrs. Abbott served as a secretary for the administrator of DeKalb Memorial Hospital for 16 years, retiring in 1984. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and its Harvest House.

Mrs. Abbott

She was born Jan. 1, 1919, in Chicago to William and Emma (Deuitch) Vogeding. Her husband, Angelo Abbott, died in 1967.

Surviving her is one sister, Helen Koch of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by a son, Lt. John M. Abbott, and one sister, Geraldine Kaiser.

Services will be held Monday at 9 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with Father Chuck Herman officiating. Burial will be in Assumption Cemetery in Glenwood, Ill.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or to the church.

Wade Letts

ANGOLA — Wade L. Letts, 81, of Angola, died Thursday, Feb. 15, 2001, at his residence.

Mr. Letts was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He worked at Tri-State College and several area restaurants. He was a graduate of Defiance College and Tri-State College and a member of the Angola Christian Church.

He was born Aug. 12, 1919, in Steuben County to Clyde and Maude (Waller) Letts.

Surviving are three sisters, Troas Jacoby of Kendallville, Betty Jean Aberth of Dayton, Ohio, and Lucille Masters of Burlington, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Lewis and Virgil Letts.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

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E. Louella Mavis

AUBURN — E. Louella V. Mavis, 89, died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2001, at 3:35 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Mavis was a former employee of the Auburn Automobile Co. and a homemaker. She lived most of her life in Auburn. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and Entre Nous Literary Club, both in Auburn. She was a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star and was a member of its Auburn chapter. She was past grand representative to the state of West Virginia from Indiana.

She was born Feb. 25, 1912, in Hagerstown, Md., to Samuel Roy and Jessie (West) Yingling.

She married Karl H. Mavis on May 6, 1930, in Columbia City. He died May 6, 1976.

Surviving her are two daughters-in-law, Lorna Mavis of Auburn and Donna Mavis of Albany, Ind.; two sisters, Dorothy Pfeiffer of Garrett and Virginia Herman of Edgerton, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Karl Mavis, Karen Gilbert, Mike Mavis, Brad Mavis, Tim Shuman, Ellen Snyder and Suzanne Shuman-Rister; 20 -great grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Karl Eugene "Gene" Mavis and Donald Mavis; two brothers, Roy and Kenneth Yingling; and one sister, Margaret Yingling.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. An Order of Eastern Star service will take place Sunday at 4 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church elevator fund.

Robert Farling Jr.

BUTLER — Robert G. Farling Jr., 51, died Thursday, Feb. 15, 2001, at 12:15 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Farling

Mr. Farling was a service technician for Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Co. for 24 years. He was an active member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene and was a licensed minister. He served in the U.S. Army from 1970 to 1977, and enjoyed fishing and golf.

He was born Oct. 12, 1949, in Portland, Ind., to Vera Ruth (Franklin) and Robert G. Farling Sr.

He married Cathy Barse on Jan. 12, 1973, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Tyler S. Farling of Butler; one daughter and son-in-law, Traci D. and Duane Fry of Butler; three brothers, Terry H. Farling of Dunkirk, Ind., Thomas W. Farling of Anderson, and David D. Farling of Garrett; one sister, Sheryl A. Smith of Ridgeville, Ind.; and two grandchildren, Lyndon M. Fry and Madison N. Fry, both of Butler.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Auburn Church of the Nazarene, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. John Kinsey will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the family.

Harold R. "Si" Seidel

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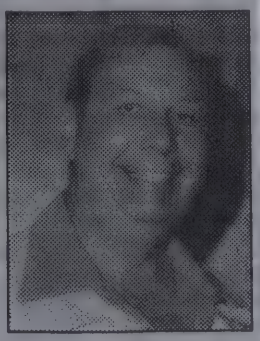

Harold R. "Si" Seidel, 79, of Fort Wayne, a member of York Rite Masonic Lodge in Garrett, died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2001, at Parkview Hospital.

"His hobbies were fishing and golfing. He also enjoyed a good ballgame."

The DeKalb County native was retired from retail sales after 50 years of service. He was a life member of the Garrett American Legion. Surviving are a daughter, Diane Martz of Fort Wayne; a sister, Marian Petersen of Portland, Ore.; grandchildren Toni Fries of Fort Wayne and Lee Bergdall of Convoy, Ohio; and three great-grandchildren.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., with calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery. Memorials are to veterans.

Information provided by D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., 426-9494.

Area Deaths

WARSAW — **Victor Manuel Mejia Trejo,** 32, died Wednesday at home. Services will be at a later date in Mexico. No calling.

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Chester Siwinski

CROMWELL — Chester H. Siwinski, 70, died Friday, Feb. 16, 2001, at 5:55 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He had been a printer with Star Publication, Chicago, before retiring in 1992. He moved to the Cromwell area from Dolton, Ill., four years ago.

Mr. Siwinski was born Sept. 22, 1930, in East Chicago, to Stanley and Victoria (Chrustowski) Siwinski.

On Oct. 31, 1953, he was married to Theodosia "Teddy" Orzechowski, who survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Marybeth and Thomas Knight of Palos Heights, Ill., Susan and Paul Carlson of Bolingbrook, Ill., and Catherine and Mark Campbell and Victoria Ruiz, both of Syracuse; nine grandchildren; and one sister, Lorraine Berger of Merrillville.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church in Syracuse, with the Rev. Edward Erpelding officiating.

Calling is today from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Eastlund Funeral Home-Harris Chapel, Syracuse.

Memorials are to Grace Lutheran Church or St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church.

Martha Fruit

ST PETERSBURG, Fla. — Martha J. Fruit, 99, of St. Petersburg, Fla., formerly of the Ligonier area, died Monday, Feb. 12, 2001, at Shore Acres Rehab & Nursing Center.

She was a native of Wabash, Ind., and had been an elementary school teacher for 35 years. She was a member of the Congregational Christian Church and Order of Eastern Star Ivy Chapter 69, both of North Manchester.

Surviving are a foster son, Russell Coppes of Danville, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and sisters.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery, Servia, Ind.

Memorials are to the church.

William Callaway Jr.

EDON, Ohio — William A. Callaway Jr., 49, of Edon, Ohio, died Thursday, Feb. 15, 2001, at Community Hospitals of Williams County in Bryan, Ohio.

Mr. Callaway was a Detroit native and had worked as a band builder at Continental General Tire in Bryan for 29 years. He was a member of United Steelworkers Local 890 in Bryan.

Surviving are his wife, Kathy J. Callaway; one daughter, Lacey Pelz of Edon; one son, Brad Callaway of Edon; his parents, William Callaway Sr. and Vala Callaway of Edon; three brothers, Richard Callaway of Columbus, Patrick Callaway of Edon and Vala Callaway of Fremont, Ind.; one sister, Bonnie Callaway of Edon; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Terry A.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Bethlehem Christian Union Church in Edon. Burial will be at Columbia Cemetery.

Calling is today after 2 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home, Edon.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Vurlaon Schlegel

PAULDING, Ohio — Vurlaon "Bill" R. Schlegel Sr., 76, of Cecil, Ohio, died Thursday, Feb. 15, 2001, at Hawthorn Court Nursing Home in Paulding.

Schlegel was a Paulding County native and had been a farmer. He also had worked at General Motors in Defiance and in maintenance for Paulding County's Emerald Township and had been a bus driver for Paulding Exempted Village Schools.

Surviving are his wife, Elaine P. Schlegel; three sons, Larry Schlegel of Paulding, Vurlaon R. Schlegel Jr. of Cecil and Victor Schlegel of Defiance; one sister, Viona Grant of Defiance; four brothers, Vaughn Schlegel, Vestel Schlegel and Kenneth Schlegel, all of Paulding, and Vional Schlegel of Wolcottville, Ind.; 13 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with calling Tuesday from 8 a.m. until services and Monday from 2 to 9 p.m.

Memorials are to the Paulding County Heart Association or Paulding County Hospice Home and Health Care.

Catherine Shaffer

BLUFFTON — Catherine I. Shaffer, 92, died Thursday, Feb. 15, 2001, at Meadowvale Care Center, Bluffton.

She was a Fort Wayne native and had worked at the clinic for 20 years in dietary. She was a member of Women of the Moose and Eagles lodge.

Surviving are three sons, Gene Shaffer of North Chicago, Ill., Donald Shaffer of Petroleum and Jim Shaffer of Bluffton; three daughters, Betty Schlichter of Fremont, Lola Myers of Webster, Fla., and Judith Huffman of Bluffton; 15 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman Shaffer, and three sons, Herman Shaffer, Jonnie Shaffer and Robert Shaffer.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton, with calling there Sunday from 1 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Florence McKown

ST. JOE — Florence Janette McKown, 61, died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2001, at 6:23 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. McKown was a homemaker and lived in St. Joe.

She was born July 5, 1939, in Camden, Tenn., to Doc and Pearl (Herbison) Atchison.

She married Larry McKown Sr. on July 5, 1957, in Corinth, Miss., and he survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Larry McKown Jr. and JoAnn McKown of Butler; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Kevin Moughler of Waterloo, and Tracy and John Maloy of Auburn; one brother, Larry Atchison of Seattle, Wash.; one half-brother, Harold Atchison of Camden; one sister, Patsy Parris of Paris, Tenn.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Margaret Atchison and June Butts, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Bob Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Carthel Coffey

MADISON — Carthel E. Coffey, 75, of Madison, died at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, 2001, in Madison.

Mr. Coffey was born July 19, 1925, to Richard and Edna (Johnson) Coffey in Ono, Ky.

During World War II he served in the Seabees in the United States Navy, hopping the islands in the Pacific Theatre and building runways behind advancing U.S. ground troops.

He later worked as a construction supervisor and union agent, then later as an auctioneer and flea marketer.

He was a former commander of VFW Post 1969, Madison, and was also a member of Jefferson Post No. 9, the American Legion, Eagles No. 1158, and Moose Lodge No. 765.

Surviving are two sons, Randy Coffey of Angola and Gene Coffey of Kendallville; one stepson, Jerry Petre of Angola; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Eulena Campbell of Madison and Ruth Bayne of Shelbyville; two brothers, Gus Coffey and Frank Coffey, both of Shelbyville; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was a brother, Richard Coffey.

Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at Morgan-Webster-Nay Funeral Home, Madison, with burial at Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Madison.

Calling is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to VFW Post 1969.

John Back

WOLCOTTVILLE — John L. Back, 76, of Wolcottville, died at 10:10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, 2001, at Cameron Hospital, Angola. He had been ill for one month.

Mr. Back was born March 15, 1924, in Vest, Ky., to Dishman and Coraie (Fraizer) Back.

On April 4, 1946, he married Nannie Williams in Hindman, Ky. She survives.

He moved to this area from Kentucky in 1962.

While in Kentucky, Back was a coal miner for 15 years and worked at a sawmill. He retired in 1991 after 21 years with Starcraft in Topeka.

He was a World War II veteran and a member of Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church, Lisbon.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Janice and Larry Patrick of Wolcottville, Margie and Steve Tritch of Angola, Minnie Belchner of Wolcottville, and Aleen and Jerry McCoy of Wolcottville; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Minnie Back of Scottsburg and Mae Molzworth of Marrow, Ga.

He was preceded in death by six brothers and sisters.

Services are Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church, Lisbon, with the Rev. Russell Hicks and the Rev. Morris Wicker officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, where the Rev. Mitchell Patrick will lead a 7 p.m. service.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Maxwell Neuhouser,** 73, of Ligonier, died Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor, Syracuse. Services are 1 p.m. Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, with the Rev. Harlan Steffen officiating. Burial is in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier. Calling is today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Marie Metcalf

COLDWATER, Mich. — Marie Ialeene Metcalf, 82, of Coldwater, died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2001, at her home.

Mrs. Metcalf was a farm wife and homemaker. She graduated from Butler High School in 1936.

She was a member of Rebekah Lodge 186 in Quincy, Mich., and the Hamilton Church of Christ. She later attended the East Ovid United Brethren Church.

She was born Sept. 12, 1918, in Butler to L.C. and Carrie A. (Shaffer) Wynkoop.

She married Charles Houlton Metcalf in 1936. He preceded her in death in 1996.

Surviving are two daughters, and sons-in-law, Janet and Philip McKee of Bend, Ore., and Treva and David DeWitt of Auburn; one son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Janet Metcalf of Coldwater, Mich.; and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Lois Jean; a sister, Gail Brand; and a brother, Arlo Wynkoop.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in the George White Funeral Home, Quincy, Mich. Interment will follow at the Eddy Cemetery of Hamilton.

Calling is Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hospice of CHC, Quincy Rebekah Lodge or the Alzheimer's Association.

Cecil B. Barnes

SARASOTA, Fla. — Cecil B. Barnes, 84, of Sarasota, Fla., died Jan. 15, 2001.

He was born May 10, 1916, in Bloomington, Ill., and moved to Sarasota from Garrett in 1960, after retiring as owner/operator of Culligan Water Softener Service.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of the American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Leora; two daughters, Grace E. of Sarasota and Jinx A. Kaminski of Orlando; a stepdaughter, Diane S. Ellerbusch of Bryan, Ohio; a son, John B. of New York City; a stepson, Edward L. Aldrich of Albion; a sister, Laura M. Hart of Florida; and two grandchildren.

Burial was in Palms Memorial Park.

Memorials are to the Rip Van Winkle Scholarship, in care of Beverly Murphy, 2551 Apache St., Sarasota, Fla. 34231.

Palms Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Larry Ousley
Michael Ousley

CLAYPOOL — Larry Scot Ousley and Michael Scot Ousley were stillborn on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2001, at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Surviving are their parents, Henry and Rebekah (Harris) Ousley of Claypool; maternal grandparents, Allan and Marie Harris of Ligonier, paternal grandparents, Larry and Vickie Ousley of Pierceton and Glinda and John Myers of Ashley; great-grandparents, Eva Snyder of North Manchester, Waneta Wertenberger of Warsaw, and Roger and Joan Myers of Auburn.

They were preceded in death by great-grandparents, Henry and Goldia Johnson, Zeb and Eula Mae Ousley, and Ben Snyder.

Services are at 2 p.m. Wednesday at South Whitley United Methodist Church with the Rev. Connie Payne officiating. Burial is in South Whitley Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services at the church.

McHatton Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Laura L. King,** 40, died Saturday at Mercy Hospital in Grayling, Mich., where she had lived for three years, moving from Upper Long Lake in Noble County. Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Calling is Wednesday from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 at the funeral home.

LIGONIER — **James E. Grim Sr.,** 65, of Ligonier died at 9:30 a.m. Monday in Kingston Health Care of Ligonier. Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Revs. John Lutton and Randy Miller officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Deaths/Funerals

E. Paul Daniels

HUNTINGTON — E. Paul Daniels, 67, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001, at 9:30 a.m. in St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

Mr. Daniels formerly lived in Auburn, Bluffton and South Bend. He retired as an administrator for the Moose Lodge, where he was employed for over 25 years. He was a life member of Moose Lodge 837, American Legion Post 7 and VFW Post 2689, all in Huntington. He was a 1951 graduate of Pleasant Mills High School in Pleasant Mills and a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was born May 3, 1933, in Adams County. His parents, Carl Daniels and Ruth Hobson Daniels Balog, preceded him in death.

He married Elizabeth Kinsey on Dec. 1, 1967, in Huntington, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Paul C. and Teresa Daniels of Huntington; one daughter and son-in-law, Catherine and Mike Schieber of Harrison, Idaho; one stepson and his wife, Scott and Linda Kinsey of Ossian; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Sharon and Dan Barnes of Coram, N.Y., Sandra and Steve Arnold of Bluffton, and Sheila and Bruce Blem, also of Bluffton; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one stepdaughter, Sue Myers, and two brothers, James Lloyd Daniels and Clyde Daniels.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington. The Rev. Steven N. Ailes will officiate. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the mortuary.

Memorials are to Moose Heart, in care of the mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington IN 46750.

Judy Levy

AUBURN — Judy L. Levy, 85, died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2001, after a lengthy illness.

Ms. Levy lived most of her life in Richmond, Ind., before moving to Auburn in 1991. She was employed by General Telephone Co. in Santa Barbara, Calif., in the early 1970s. She held several positions, including retail assistant, for several Richmond clothiers.

Ms. Levy also was employed as a nursing aide at Richmond State Hospital. She worked as a legal secretary for a private investigation firm in Richmond before her retirement and relocation to Auburn.

Ms. Levy was active in Psi Iota Psi Sorority and Girls Scouts of America in Richmond, and was a long-standing member of the First Baptist Church in Richmond. She graduated from Lincoln High School in Cambridge City and attended Indiana Business School. She enjoyed golf, bowling and bridge.

She was born Oct. 21, 1915, in Pershing, Ind., to George and Lola Shafer.

Surviving are two daughters, Sharon L. Harris of Auburn and Sandra Crowder of Plano, Texas; one sister, Betty; four grandchildren, Marti Teresa Benner of Dallas, Texas; H. Todd Benner of Midlothian, Texas; Rebecca Jean Sellars of Leo, and Jennifer Lynn Hoag of Auburn; and 10 great-grandchildren, Britnie, Trevin, Chelsea, Danielle, Adrianne, Justin, Austin, Natalie, Jamie and Faith.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Evelyn, and three brothers, Wilbur, Woodrow and Elmer.

Private graveside services were held in Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery in East Germantown, Ind. Minister Ron Collins of Cedar Creek Church of Christ in Leo officiated.

Memorials are to the American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, was in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Phema L. Fulk,** 92, of Kendallville died at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Parkview Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Deaths/Funerals

Jerry Robbins

LAGRANGE — Jerry E. Robbins, 58, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001, at 6:25 p.m. in Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Robbins retired from International Harvester Co. in Springfield, Ohio. He moved from Springfield to LaGrange in 1997. He was a member of the Stroh Church of Christ and was an avid dancer.

He was born Feb. 9, 1943, in Allen County to Ralph J. and Virginia R. (Leslie) Robbins. His father survives in LaGrange and his mother preceded him in death Sept. 5, 1996.

Surviving him are one daughter, Carmen Snyder of Waterloo; six sons, Rex of Pleasant Lake, Ryan of Garrett, Rodney of Ashley, and Rustin, Tony and Trenton, all of LaGrange; two sisters, Shirley A. Hose of Stroh and Barbara E. Yoder of Wolcottville; two brothers, the Rev. Jimmy L. Robbins of Wawaka and Dale W. Robbins of LaGrange; six grandchildren; and his fiancee, Jerry Kenney.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in the Stroh Church of Christ, with the Rev. Michael Hamm and the Rev. Jimmy L. Robbins officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Robbins family.

Mildred Brown

CRESTON, Iowa — Mildred Maureen Longsworth Brown, 98, died Feb. 6, 2001, in Creston Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

She was a former school teacher in the Jacksonville, Fla., school system. She graduated from Hicksville High School in Hicksville, Ohio. She attended Grace Hicksville United Methodist Church and was a lifelong member of the Southside United Methodist Church in Jacksonville, where she was secretary of her Sunday School class.

Mrs. Brown was a charter member and the first president in 1948-49 of the Indigo Garden Circle of South Jacksonville. She served as vice president, president and district director of Jacksonville's Southside Women's Club. She organized and headed the Women's Division of the Jacksonville-Duval Safety Council and served a term as Florida state safety chairman.

From 1951 until her death, she was a member of the Fort San Nicholas chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was registrar and director of the chapter, and was elected regent to three two-year terms, in 1958, 1976 and 1980. During her last term as regent, she was elected president of the Northeast Florida Regents Council. She served as a chapter delegate to state and national conferences several times.

Mrs. Brown was a member of South Jacksonville Chapter 2875 of the American Association of Retired Persons, serving as chapter president from 1988 to 1992. AARP honored her in 1991 with its National Community Service Award and in 1992, her chapter was recognized for outstanding performance with AARP's Chapter of Highest Distinction Award.

She was born Oct. 24, 1902, in Hicksville, Ohio.

on April 25, 1941. He died in 1978.

Surviving her are three nieces, Ellen Louise Longsworth of Haverhill, Md., Ann L. Haward and Judith L. Wachter; two nephews, Charles L. Longsworth and Maurice A. Longsworth; several great-nieces and great-nephews; and several great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

Two brothers, Maurice A. Longsworth and Robert J. Longsworth, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Grace United Methodist Church, Hicksville, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Southside United Methodist Church, in care of Dr. Wayne D. Wiatt, minister, 3120 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville FL 32207; to DAR Scholarship Fund, Fort San Nicholas Chapter, in care of Nancy P. Ford, treasurer, 2032 Samontee Road, Jacksonville FL 32211-5076; or to the Robert S. and Alice W. Longsworth Memorial Scholarship, in care of Clara Eitzman, treasurer, Edgerton Area Foundation, P.O. Box 399, Edgerton OH 43517.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Phema L. Fulk,** 92, of Kendallville, died at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are at 1 p.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Ellis Crum officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Albion. Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Agnes Hickman

FORT WAYNE — Agnes Adell Hickman, 76, died at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001, at home.

She was born April 23, 1924, to Thomas and Ila (Phillips) Williamson in Garland City, Ark., where she grew up and attended school.

She married Robert Harold Hickman on March 2, 1946, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on July 16, 1968.

A housewife and mother, Mrs. Hickman has live in Fort Wayne and the Oliver Lake area. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion.

She enjoyed fishing, storytelling and being a grandmother.

Surviving are three sons, Robert Allen Hickman of Peoria, Ariz., David Hickman of Chicago and Minneapolis, Anthony Hickman of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Murial Foster of Fort Wayne, Charlotte Hickman of Fort Wayne, and Deborah Fisher of Albion; a brother, Henry H. Williamson of Spencerville; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, James and John Williamson.

Services are at 3 p.m. Friday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion, with the Rev. Ann Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne. There will be no calling.

McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, is in charge of arrangements.

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Tamara Hook

BUTLER — Tamara J. "Tammy" Hook, 38, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001, at 7 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hook was a preschool teacher at Creative Play School in Auburn. She lived in Butler.

She was born Nov. 20, 1962, in Columbus, Ind., to Gerald and Marilyn (Hoelkte) Launer. Her mother survives in Auburn and her father preceded her in death.

She married Alvin Hook on July 1, 1989, in Fort Wayne, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Matthew R. Hook, at home; one daughter, Rachel R. Hook, at home; one brother, Tracy Launer of Fort Wayne; and one sister, Beth Zinnel of Kendallville.

One son, Zachary Tyler Hook, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Zion Lutheran Church at Edgerton, Ohio, with Michael Salemink officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church of Edgerton, Ohio.

Ralph Flowers

STURGIS, Mich. — Ralph C. "RC" Flowers, 64, of Sturgis, Mich., died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2001, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich. He was a lifelong Sturgis resident.

Mr. Flowers was born Aug. 4, 1936, to Arnold and Helen (Kanouse) Flowers.

On May 1, 1992, he married Judy Carmicheal in Centreville, Mich. She survives.

Mr. Flowers was a truck driver for more than 40 years, retiring from Sturgis Iron & Metal. He was an active member of Captain John J. Kelley Post No. 1355 VFW and was serving the post as its commander and a member of the honor guard at the time of his death. He was also a member of the Neuman-Wenzel Post No. 73 of the American Legion, Eagles Lodge No. 1314, Wolf Pack C.B. Club and the Skip Talker Club.

He enjoyed watching boxing and NASCAR, and outdoor barbecuing for friends and family.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Terrie and Ron Bauman of Constantine, Mich., Paula Mast of Butler and Karen and Michael Falkenstein of Sturgis; four sons and daughters-in-law, Wesman and Kathy Pierson of Sturgis, Bryan and Linda Pierson of LaGrange, Peter and Linda Pierson of Bronson, Mich., and Steven Flowers of Grand Rapids, Mich.; 17 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; Helen Flowers of Sturgis who raised him as a son; a sister and brother-in-law, Nona and Jim Allen of Sturgis; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his father, Arnold Flowers; his mother, Dora Cuyler; a son, Ralph C. Flowers II; and a brother, Cletus Flowers.

Services are at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hackman-Fogleson Funeral Home, Sturgis, with the Rev. Brad Ulick, LaGrange Missionary Church, officiating. A graveside committal will follow at Nottawa Township Cemetery, Nottawa, Mich. Full military rites will by conferred by Captain John J. Kelley Post No. 1355 VFW.

Calling is Saturday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

The Evening Star, Fri., Feb. 23, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Leora T. Bacon

HAMILTON — Leora T. Bacon, 91, of Hamilton, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2001.

Mrs. Bacon (formerly Blair) was born March 27, 1909, in Williams County, Ohio, to John and Daisy Tingley.

She spent many years as a teacher in the Edon, Ohio, and Hamilton school systems.

Surviving are her husband, Donald Bacon of Hamilton; a son, Gary Blair of Indian Trail, N.C.; five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Edon Church of Christ. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier, Ohio.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, 2500 N. Reynolds St., Toledo, OH 43615.

Patricia Yeiser

ST. JOE — Patricia J. Yeiser, 71, died Thursday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. She lived in St. Joe.

Mrs. Yeiser was born May 10, 1929, in Bluffton to Raymond G. and Edith Marie (Harrold) Turner.

She married Harold Lloyd Yeiser on May 10, 1951, in Newville, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Kathryn Sue Strong of Lima, Ohio; one sister, Rebecca S. Evans of Agoura Hills, Calif.; and two grandchildren, Scott Huebner of Indianapolis and Steth Huebner of Chicago, Ill.

One son, Jeffrey Lynn Yeiser, preceded her in death in 1955.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter, 5221 U.S. 6, Butler IN 46721.

Area Deaths

RENSSELAER — **Norman Coleman Fisher**, 77, died Thursday at Rensselaer Care Center. Graveside services are Monday at Crown View Cemetery, Sheridan, with military graveside rites. Calling is 2-8 p.m. Sunday at Jackson Funeral Chapel, Rensselaer.

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Mildred John

AUBURN — Mildred Smith John, 88, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001, at 9:45 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. John was a homemaker and lived in Auburn. She was a telephone operator for Indiana Bell Telephone Co. in Auburn for 31 years, retiring in 1975. She was a member of Dayspring Community Church in Auburn. She attended the music program at Fort Wayne Bible College.

John

She was born Aug. 23, 1912, in Auburn to Lincoln M. and Effie Jane (Dilley) Smith.

She married Elmer L. "Dick" John on Sept. 12, 1950, in Auburn. He died Dec. 17, 1961.

Surviving her are one sister, Ethel Smith of Auburn; seven nieces and eight nephews; several great-nieces and great-nephews; several great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews; four stepgrandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Ray Smith and Ashton Smith, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Dayspring Community Church, with Pastor William Lyne officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to Youth For Christ.

The Evening Star, Sat., Feb. 24, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Hazel Weicht

BUTLER — Hazel V. Weicht, 84, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2001, at 9:50 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Weicht was a homemaker and lived in Butler. She was a member of Wittenburg Guild and Butler Community Bible Church.

She was born April 9, 1916, in Bryant, Ind., to Charles and Izora (Kirby) Garbric.

She married Dean C. Weicht on Sept. 28, 1934, in Avilla, and he died Oct. 20, 1994.

Surviving her are three sons, DeVeir of Butler, DeVon of Hamilton, and DeWayne of Mesa, Ariz.; two daughters, Donna Barber and Diana Vignocchi, both of Auburn; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Jim Glasscock officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is today from 3-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Support Group of DeKalb County.

Raymond Steffen

BLUFFTON — Raymond W. Steffen, 80, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2001, at 8:25 p.m. in Caylor-Nickel Medical Center, Bluffton.

Mr. Steffen was employed by Bluffton Plumbing & Heating. He served 23 years on the Bluffton Fire Department and held the position of chief. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps. He lived in Bluffton and was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9853, American Legion Post 111, and the Moose and Eagles lodges.

He was born May 12, 1920, in Grovehill, Ohio, to Cornelius and Anna (Oberlander) Steffen.

He married Lenora Jean Lyons on June 15, 1946, in Adams County, and she died Aug. 27, 1978. He then married Janet Bubp on May 10, 1980, and she survives.

Surviving him are two sons, David Steffen of Bluffton and Jerry Steffen of Auburn; two daughters, Barbara Klosterman of Bluffton and Scheryl Krumma of Ossian; one stepdaughter, Twila Bice of Bluffton; one stepson, David Thornburg of Bluffton; two brothers, George Steffen and Willis Steffen, both of Bluffton; two sisters, Lillian Arnold and Anna Marie Stauffer, both of Bluffton; eight grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

One brother, Norman Steffen, and one sister, Kate Nicholson, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. in Goodwin Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in Apostolic Christian Cemetery, with military services by the American Legion.

Calling will be Saturday from 6-8 p.m. and Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in the chapel.

Theda Vosberg

KENDALLVILLE — Theda Florence Vosberg, 87, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

She was born May 23, 1913, in Polo, Ill., to Charles Coffman and Bessie (Gilbert) Coffman-Dusing. On April 15, 1935 in Wheaton, Ill., she married Russell Frederick Vosberg, and he died May 4, 1994.

Mrs. Vosberg graduated from Polo High School in 1931 and earned a nursing degree in 1934 at Deconese School of Nursing in Freeport, Ill. She worked as a registered nurse at McCray Hospital in Kendallville from 1957-1985, and was a member of the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church near Avilla. She was a member of the Freeport School of Nursing Alumni and a 4-H leader for the Wayne Center Buds of Wayne 4-H Club for 10 years.

She was a member and Past Worthy Matron of the Freeport Order of the Eastern Star, and also belonged to the Mount Pleasant Church Lydia Circle and the Home Extension Club.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Carol Vosberg of Warsaw; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Jimmy Bauer of Leaf River, Ill., and Pam and Terry Spohr of Avilla; a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Dorothy Coffman of Polo, Ill.; a sister and brother-in-law, Wilma and Roger Bingner of Freeport, Ill.; an aunt, Letilia Wisner of Polo; and 10 grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by an infant son, a stepfather, Ed Dusing, a brother, Robert Coffman, and a sister, Lula Johnson. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in rural Avilla, with the Rev. Ann Marshall officiating.

Calling will be at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville on Monday from 5-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the church.

Robert Blech Sr.

WATERLOO — Robert W. Blech Sr., 75, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2001, at 2:45 p.m. in a traffic accident on Interstate 69 in Steuben County.

Mr. Blech

Mr. Blech was a lifetime DeKalb County farmer and lived on County Road 27, Waterloo. He retired in 1990 from Cooper Industries in Auburn with 22 years of service.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn, where he served as an elder. He was a Smithfield Township trustee for 25 years, a member and president of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau, and president of the men's bowling league in Garrett.

He was president of CPS Supply Co. Inc. in Coldwater, Mich.

He was born June 16, 1925, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, to Frank B. and Alma (Parr) Blech.

He married Beverly Sherwood on June 16, 1946, in the Auburn Church of Christ, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Robert W. Blech Jr. of Coldwater, Mich.; one daughter, Marie Smith of Topeka; three brothers, Harold Blech and Paul Blech, both of Kendallville, and Edwin Blech of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Toby Blech, Dawn Smith and Marcene Heckman; and two great-granddaughters, Neely and Rochelle Heckman.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Lloyd Bickel will officiate. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the church.

Rhonda Blosser

GOSHEN — Rhonda R. Blosser, 44, of Goshen, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Blosser was president of the board of directors for Middlebury Day Care and worked as a realt estate agent for over 18 years in Elkhart and LaGrange counties.

Mrs. Blosser

She was a graduate of Grand Ledge High School, Lansing Community College and Northwood Institute College, and belonged to the Maple City Trotting Breed Association and the Standard Breed Horsemans Association.

She was born Oct. 12, 1956, in West Lafayette. On April 29, 1995, in Middlebury she married Thomas Blosser, who survives.

Also surviving are her stepfather, David L. Weaver of Middlebury, and her mother and step-father, Rae Ann and Jim Markley of Middlebury; a sister and brother-in-law, Anna Ray and Ben Yoder of Middlebury; two brothers, Kirk David and Eric David, both of Charlotte, Mich.; and six nieces and nephews.

Her father, David L. Weaver, preceded her in death Jan. 22, 2000.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Middlebury, with the Rev. James Simpson officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to the Cancer Treatment Center of America or Goshen General Hospital Home Health Care.

Evening Star, Sun., Feb. 25, 2001 (cont'd)

Russell Smith

ORLAND — Russell Smith, 68, of Orland, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2001, in Orland.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and had retired as an electrician with Grumman Olson Manufacturing in Sturgis, Mich.

He was born Oct. 22, 1932, in Orland, to Ned A. and Ruth Myrtle (McMullin) Smith.

He is survived by four sons, Donald Ray Smith and Ronald Kay Smith, both of Los Lunas, N.M., Timothy Doyle Smioth of Yuma, Ariz., and Thomas Darryl Smith of Amarillo, Texas; two sisters, Erma Tubbs of Coldwater, Mich., and Mamie Mortimer of Des Moines, Iowa; two brothers, Ned Smith of Joppa, Md., and Robert Lee Smith of Mesa, Ariz.; two half-sisters, Rosemary Brewer of Bronson, Mich., and Evelyn Hampton of Kewanna, Ill.; and three grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling is from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Boys Club of America.

Lynn Anweiler

FORT WAYNE— Lynn E. Anweiler, 52, died Friday, Feb. 23, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

The Fort Wayne native had been a greeter at Sam's Club for 10 years.

Surviving are three daughters, Tammy Moehle and Dawn Vargas, both of Fort Wayne, and Julie Lowen of Ohio; one son, Brian Anweiler of Fort Wayne; three brothers, David James, Mike James and Chuck James, all of Fort Wayne; one sister, Sally Kline of Wolcottville; and eight grandchildren.

Her husband, Larry H. died in 1989.

Services Monday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society or Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Esther Ivins

BRISTOL — Esther L. Ivins, 85, died at 4:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23, 2001, at the East Lake Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Elkhart following an extended illness.

She was born Jan. 1, 1916, in North Webster, to LeRoy and Jennie (Thwaits) Silveus.

She was a resident of White Pigeon, Mich., most of her life and had spent the past few years in Elkhart.

She married Shanley Gouker, John Summerlott and Jay Ivins, who all preceded her in death.

She was a homemaker most of her life.

Surviving are two daughters and two sons-in-law, Gloria and Richard Niece of Elkhart and Mary Jane and Leslie Snyder of White Pigeon, Mich.; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Ronald and Karen Gouker of Elkhart and Melvin Gouker of Shipshewana; two stepdaughters, Peggy McLain of Elkhart and Debi Copeland of Bristol; one stepson, Roger Summerlott of White Pigeon, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Beside her husbands and her parents, she was preceded in death by five sisters, Agnes Lazarus, Leona Gouker, Francis Waid, Trudy Brandt and Pauline Silveus; and three brothers, Millard Silveus, Everet Silveus and Garold Silveus.

Services Monday at 11 a.m. at Farrand Funeral Home, White Pigeon, Mich., with the Rev. William Horton officiating. Burial will be in White Pigeon Township Cemetery.

Calling today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the White Pigeon Church of Christ.

Leila Conner

COLUMBIA CITY — Leila M. Conner, 81, of Churubusco, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Mrs. Conner was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church, the Churubusco American Legion Auxiliary and the Churubusco VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born near Albion on June 19, 1919, to Cloyd "Pete" and Hazel H. (Hollenbeck) Krieger. On July 25, 1936, in Churubusco, she married Howard R. Conner, and the couple resided in Churubusco their entire lives. Her husband preceded her in death May 19, 1977.

Surviving are a daughter, Ruth Ann Morgan of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard L. and Dorothy Conner of Albion; a brother, John A. Krieger of Churubusco; a sister, Beverly Davis of Churubusco; nine grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Margaret Conner, in 1943; a son, Robert E. Conner, in 1988; a brother, Calvin E. Krieger, in 1976; and a sister, Phyllis L. Ferguson, in 1997.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs of Churubusco United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Area Deaths

HOAGLAND — **Pearl L. Saalfrank**, 73, of Hoagland, died Friday, Feb. 23, 2001, in Fort Wayne. Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Elzey & Haggard Funeral Home, Ossian Chapel. Calling will be Monday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens. Memorials are to Mount Calvary Church or Lutheran Hospital.

Deaths/Funerals

Chloe Myers

HAMILTON — Chloe S. Myers, 84, of Hamilton, died Sunday morning, Feb. 25, 2001, in The Laurels of DeKalb, Butler, where she was a resident.

Mrs. Myers was a homemaker and a member of the Hamilton Wesleyan Church.

She was born Dec. 28, 1916, in Steuben County to John V. and Callie G. (Dangler) Nickols.

On Aug. 17, 1940, she married Donald L. Myers. He survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Nick Myers, Kirby and Karen Myers, and Gary and Jan Myers, all of Hamilton; a brother, Dale Nickols of Hamilton; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A brother, Dean Nickols, and a sister, Lenore Nemeth, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, with the Rev. David Leitzel officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Beverly Zimmer

AUBURN — Beverly J. Zimmer, 67, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001, at 9 p.m. in her home on Fifteenth Street in Auburn.

Mrs. Zimmer had been the head cook at McKenney-Harrison Elementary School in Auburn, retiring in January after 32 years of service. She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God, Auburn Moose Lodge and Butler Eagles Lodge. She was a volunteer at her church's food bank.

She was born Aug. 3, 1933, in Spencerville to Harry and Helen (Furnish) Laux.

She married John Zimmer on March 27, 1954, in Spencerville. He died May 26, 2000.

Surviving are three sons, Harry Zimmer of Waterloo, Bill Zimmer of Knoxville, Tenn., and John Zimmer of Flat Rock, Ind.; one daughter, Helen Mary Eberts of Coldwater, Mich.; one sister, Barb Herendeen of Auburn; one brother, Bruce Laux of Butler; and five grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Indian Village Church of God Food Bank or the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Virginia F. Embree,** 83, died Saturday at Goshen General Hospital, Ligonier. Services are at 11 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Funeral Home, with burial at Lindenwood Cemetery. Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Eastern Star Services will be Tuesday.

LAGRANGE — **Thelma Peters,** 91, died at 2:30 a.m. Sunday at Lifecare Center of LaGrange. Services are at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with burial in East Springfield Cemetery. Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

David Rodecap

FREMONT — David J. Rodecap, 83, of Snow Lake, Fremont, died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2001, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

An Auburn High School graduate, he was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II and a member of American Legion Cassel Post 257 of Fremont. He had retired after 40 years with the Auburn Foundry, where he had served as plant superintendent.

He was born Dec. 19, 1917, in Toledo, Ohio, to Raymond and Ruth (Niles) Rodecap.

On June 30, 1949, in Angola, he married Jane E. Seigel. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Janet Burk of Angola, Judy Martin of Auburn and Nancy Zimmerman of Fremont; two brothers, George of Auburn and Paul of Mount Hood, Ore.; a sister, Lois Molitor of Carmel; and seven grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont, with the Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating.

Calling will be Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont with graveside military services by Fremont American Legion Cassel Post 257.

Memorials are to the church.

Kirk Serena

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Kirk Patrick Serena, 36, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001, as a result of injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident on Oct. 11, 2000.

Serena

After graduating from Peters Township High School in 1982, he spent four years in the U.S. Navy before attending the Pittsburgh Art Institute, where he majored in photography. He was a photojournalist for nine years for The Evening Star in Auburn, the Courier Express in Dubois, Pa., and the Meadville Tribune in Meadville, Pa. He then returned to Pittsburgh to form his own company, Look Photography, on the north side.

His photography awards included first place in the 1992 Kodak Champions Photography Contest, for a photo of an East Noble High School gymnast leaping from a balance beam. It appeared on the cover of Parade Magazine on Dec. 13, 1992.

Mr. Serena was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers and Pittsburgh Pirates fan, and covered many games in a professional capacity. He also enjoyed hunting deer and small game.

He was born July 13, 1964, in Pittsburgh to Andrew and Patricia (Casey) Serena. They survive.

Also surviving are five brothers, Drew, Douglas, Scott, Jeffrey and Chad Serena; three sisters-in-law, Terry, Natalie and Mia; and two nephews, Dylan and Greg.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Beinhauer Funeral Home, 2828 Washington Road, McMurray, Pa., with the Rev. Joel Garrett officiating. Burial will be in Ligonier Valley Cemetery in Ligonier, Pa.

Calling will be Tuesday and Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

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Deaths/Funerals

Jared Hatton

GARRETT — Jared Loren Hatton was stillborn Sunday, Feb. 25, 2001, at 9:58 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Surviving are his mother, Burgundy R. Hurd of Garrett; his father, Jeremy B. Hatton of Garrett; a brother, Gage A. Hatton of Garrett; a sister, Carmen G. Hurd of Garrett; his grandparents, David and Sue Hurd of Garrett, and David and Kim Cox of Angola; his great-grandparents, Beryl and Imogene Loutzenhiser of Garrett, and Alverta Sprague of Fremont; and an aunt, Michelle Hurd of Garrett.

A great-grandfather, Orval Sprague, preceded him in death.

Private graveside services will be held in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with Pastor Lane Andrews officiating. There will be no calling.

Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Hester West

ORLAND — Hester A. West, 55, died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2001, at Cameron Hospital, Angola.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Fremont congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

She was born July 20, 1945, in Estill, Ky., to Ellis and Anna (Short) Owens. Her mother survives in Ligonier. Her father survives in Baltimore, Md. On Aug. 4, 1973, in Angola, she married George R. West. He survives in Orland.

Also surviving are two daughters, Teresa Sawyer of Angola and Tonyia Sawyer of Pleasant Lake; a son, Lloyd Sawyer of Topeka; two stepsons, Randy West of Angola and Scott West of Stroh; a brother, Ken Slone of Ligonier; and 19 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Tammy Sawyer; a son, Tommy Sawyer; a sister; and four brothers.

Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Ind. 827 South, Fremont, with Richard Sturtz officiating.

There will be no visitation.

Memorials are to the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Area Deaths

BEND, Ore. — **Robert Benton Temple,** 58, died Saturday of lymphoma in Bend, Ore. Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Deschutes Memorial Gardens.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **John W. Truemper,** 77, of Adams Lake, Wolcottville died Saturday at home. Mass of Christian Burial is 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 4500 Fairfield Ave. Calling is 2-4 and 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., and an hour before services Thursday at the church. A rosary will be said at 3:30 Wednesday at the funeral home.

WARSAW — **Levi Cook,** 70 died Sunday at home. Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Titus Funeral Home, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

WARSAW — **John E. Haney,** 59, died Sunday at Kosciusko Community Hospital. Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today and an hour before services Wednesday.

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Blaine DeWayne "Wimpy" Kimes

Fruitland Park, Florida

Blaine DeWayne "Wimpy" Kimes, 72, of Fruitland Park, Fla., a member of Leesburg First Assembly of God, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001.

The Spencerville native was a retired cabinet maker. Surviving are his wife, Phyllis; a son, Gregory of Fruitland Park; daughters Susan Myers and Jennifer Smith, both of Leesburg; brothers Virgil Sr. and Bernard; a sister, Kathryn McEwen; and five grandchildren. Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at First Assembly of God Church, Fruitland Park. Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg. Burial will be at Lakeside Memory Gardens, Eustis, Fla. Memorials are to the church building fund.

Information provided by Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg, Fla., 1-352-787-4343.

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Deaths/Funerals

A. Marie Redman

AUBURN — A. Marie "Grandma Red" Redman, 93, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, at 12:28 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Redman

Mrs. Redman was a homemaker and did foster care for nine years. She graduated from Rensselaer High School in 1925 and attended business school in South Bend. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Fort Wayne, D.U.V., and Rebekah Lodge of Fort Wayne.

She was born Aug. 24, 1907, in Jasper County, Ind., to Alburtus McKeever Yeoman and Mary R. (Grant) Yeoman.

She married Harold Theodore Redman on Jan. 4, 1930, in LaGrange. He preceded her in death.

Surviving her are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jean and Franklin Jordan of Auburn, and Jeanette and John Caccmo of Fort Wayne; one niece, Margaret McClellan of Muncie; 25 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Harold Redman Jr.; one sister, Irene McClellan; one brother, Shelby Yeoman; and one great-granddaughter, Jenny Jordan.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Don Shankster officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is Thursday from 4-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn, and Friday from 2-5 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Home Health Care, 1310 E. Seventh St., Auburn IN 46706.

Jesse Greenamyer

ANGOLA — Jesse Lee Greenamyer, 85, of Angola, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Greenamyer

Mr. Greenamyer was prominent Steuben County farmer and a member of Metz Christian Church. He drove a school bus for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County for 49 years and was active and held many offices in the Steuben County agriculture services for several years. He enjoyed doing construction work and was active in various other activities in the area. He also was a charter member of the Metz Volunteer Fire Department.

He was born Nov. 1, 1915, in Scott Township, Steuben County, to John J. and Rosa (Shoup) Greenamyer.

On March 16, 1940, he married Margaret Greenamyer. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John K. and Connie Greenamyer of Angola; two daughters and a son-in-law, Helen R. Greenamyer of South Bend, and Gayle and Barry Linnell of Montpelier, Ohio; two sisters-in-law, a brother-in-law, several nieces and nephews, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Bryle, Earl and Raymond Greenamyer; two sisters, Bertha and Mildred Greenamyer; and a great-grandson, A.J. Smith.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Metz Christian Church, York Township, Steuben County, with the Rev. Greg Essex and the Rev. J. Glenn Radcliffe officiating.

Burial will be in Jordan Cemetery at a later date.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are being made by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Kenneth Nichter

SEBRING, Fla. — Kenneth Walter "Kenny" Nichter, 73, died Monday, Feb. 26, 2001, at home in Sebring after a six-month illness.

Formerly of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville, he retired as a master sergeant from the U.S. Marine Corps in 1968 after 23 years of service. He fought in World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars. He was a member of the Garrett Elks, Kendallville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749, the Sebring Moose Lodge, the Sebring Eagles, the Sebring post of the American Legion and AmVets.

He was born Nov. 7, 1927, in Fort Wayne to Clarence and Mary (Baker) Nichter. On June 20, 1964, he married Diane Sue Rastetter, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Rudi Semenza of Reno, Nev.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Nicholas Nichter and Mark and Vicki Nichter, all of Reno; three sisters, Janet Morganthaler of Syracuse, Alice Henderson of Utah and Rita Gomez of Caracas, Venezuela; two brothers, Richard R. "Nick" Nichter of Kendallville and Thomas Nichter of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Shane Franklin and Alison Semenza, both of Burbank, Calif.

Memorial services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling is two hours before services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to AmVets Post 21 building fund or the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Research Institute.

Janie Light

LAGRANGE — Janie Lynn Light was stillborn at 1:03 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, at Vencor Hospital — LaGrange.

Surviving are her parents, Brian L. and Rita L. (Heltzel) Light of LaGrange; a brother, Hunter D. Light, at home; grandparents Don Heltzel of Hudson, Carolyn Burlew of Tucson, Ariz., and Norman and Sally Light of LaGrange; and great-grandparents Lily Shepard of Hueysville, Ky., and Robert Dailey of Angola.

Graveside services are at 10 a.m. Friday at Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange, with the Rev. Gary Rifenburg officiating.

Arrangements are by Fruripmay Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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The Evening Star, Thurs., March 1, 2001

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Lura Eddy

HAMILTON — Lura E. Eddy, 97, died early on the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2001, at Cameron Hospital, Angola, after a short illness.

Mrs. Eddy was a teacher for one-room schools in Steuben County, Tamarack, and Spencerville. She retired from the Hamilton school system.

She graduated from Hamilton High School and attended Tri-State and Manchester colleges. She was a member of Zion United Methodist Church in Hamilton.

She was born July 14, 1903, in Metz to Ora and Orpha (Taylor) Sickels.

She married Charles W. Eddy on March 19, 1927. He died in 1975.

Surviving are two daughters, Orpha Cary of Hamilton and Ann Rasor of Spencerville; seven grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, seven step-great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and four step-great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Omar Eddy; a daughter, Helen Rasor; a brother, Claude Sickels; a grandson, Brent Rasor, and a granddaughter, Cynthia Miller.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Zion United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Kathie Hostetter officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

Memorials are to the church, in care of the funeral home, 3985 E. Church St., P.O. Box 207, Hamilton IN 46742.

Mary Jane Sigler

STURGIS, Mich. — Mary Jane Sigler, 85, died of natural causes at 7:35 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, at Thurston Woods Nursing Home, Sturgis, Mich.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Modern Mothers Club, Sturgis, for many years, and First United Methodist Church, Sturgis.

She was born in Howe June 28, 1915, to Joseph and Dora (Ruhl) Friend. On Oct. 18, 1936, in Angola, she married Walter O. Sigler, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Harold Macey of Sturgis; a daughter-in-law, Delores Sigler of Sturgis; six grandchildren, Carla Macey, Lisa Van Dyke, Jessica Meister, and Jennifer, Amanda and Colin Sigler; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Kendall Sigler, in 1997; a grandson, William Aaron Sigler; and two sisters, Katherine Friend and Margaret Good.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, with the Rev. Keith Treman officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church, Sturgis.

A. Marie Redman

AUBURN — A. Marie "Grandma Red" Redman, 93, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, at 12:28 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Redman was a homemaker and provided foster care for nine years. She graduated from Rensselaer High School in 1925 and attended business school in South Bend. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Fort Wayne, D.U.V., and Rebekah Lodge of Fort Wayne.

She was born Aug. 24, 1907, in Jasper County, Ind., to Alburtus McKeever Yeoman and Amy R. (Grant) Yeoman.

She married Harold Theodore Redman on Jan. 4, 1930, in LaGrange. He preceded her in death.

Surviving her are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jean and Franklin Jordan of Auburn, and Jeanette and John Caccamo of Fort Wayne; one niece, Margaret McClellan of Muncie; 25 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Harold Redman Jr.; one sister, Irene McClellan; one brother, Shelby Yeoman; and one great-granddaughter, Jenny Jordan.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Don Shankster officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is today from 4-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn, and Friday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Home Health Care, 1310 E. Seventh St., Auburn IN 46706.

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Shirley Howard

ROME CITY — Shirley Marie Howard, 62, died at 4:55 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a one-month illness.

She was a homemaker. She was born Aug. 17, 1938, in Middletown, Md., to Albert and Molly Marie (McIntyre) Castle. On Oct. 31, 1958, in Frederick, Md., she married Billy Lee Howard, who survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Billy L. Jr. and Ruth Howard of Garrett; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Katherine and Ed Silcott of Bardstown, Ky., Glenda Patrick of Kendallville and Patty and Scott Jones of Topeka; a brother and sister-in-law, John and Betty Castle of Boonesboro, Md.; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mary Alice Eagle of Knoxville, Md., and Joyce and Vernon Burkett and Nancy and Dean Thompson, all of Fredereick, Md.; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Donald B. Thompson Funeral Home, Middletown, Md., with the Rev. Dr. George Earle of Centennial Memorial United Methodist Church, Frederick, Md., officiating. Burial will be next to her mother in St. Paul Cemetery, Jefferson, Md.

Calling will be 4-9 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, and 4-9 p.m. Saturday at the Middletown funeral home.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Michael Shaffer**, 47, died Wednesday at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville, of an apparent heart attack. Calling is 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret-Lienhart Funeral Home, Wakarusa. No services.

LIGONIER — **Beulah Slabaugh**, 88, died Tuesday at home. Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **David Kelly Kilgore**, 35, died Wednesday at home. Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

The Evening Star, Fri., March 2, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

James Miller

GARRETT — James R. Miller, 54, died Thursday, March 1, 2001, at 8 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Miller was a train conductor for CSX in Garrett for 18 years, retiring in 1991. He was a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and Garrett Eagles Lodge.

He was born Nov. 10, 1946, in Ohio and raised by Harold and Katherine Miller. Katherine Miller survives and Harold Miller is deceased.

He married Susan Rhetts on May 3, 1986, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, James Miller of Ohio; one daughter, Lynnett Tacket of Willard, Ohio; four stepsons, Scott Lilly of New Jersey, Chris Lilly of Garrett, Mike Lilly of Fort Wayne and Stephen Decker of Muncie; two grandchildren and two stepgrandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Grace Steinke

ANGOLA — Grace A. Steinke, 88, of Angola, died Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2001, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Steinke was a shipping clerk for Dana Corp., Weatherhead Division, in Angola from 1950-1977. She retired after 27 years of service.

A U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II and the Korean War, she was a member of Angola American Legion Post 31 and Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7205. She was also a life member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Moose and a member of Angola Order of Eastern Star 78.

She was born April 3, 1912, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Albert J. and Helen (Herzberg) Oetjen.

On April 12, 1950, she married Ray J. Steinke. He died Nov. 11, 1981.

Surviving are two sons, Richard of Yarmouth, Mass., and Robert of Fort Worth, Texas; two daughters, Carol Sturtz of Angola and Karen Colovos of Lansing, Mich.; 17 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A son, Bruce, a brother, Paul Oetjen, and a sister, Alice Oetjen, preceded her in death.

There will be no services or calling. Memorials are to Cameron Hospice. Arrangements are by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Robert Yurk

AUBURN — Robert A. Yurk, 33, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, at 3 a.m. in his home on Ensley Avenue.

Mr. Yurk was an electrician with Global Electric Co. of Auburn. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Auburn post of the American Legion and Auburn Moose Lodge.

He was born June 3, 1967, in Chicago to Allen and Judy (Burzynski) Yurk. His mother survives in Glendale, Ariz., and his father is deceased.

He married Joyce Cooper on Dec. 2, 1997, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving him are two stepdaughters, Michelle Cain and Kristin Cain, both of Auburn; two brothers, Tom Yurk and Wayne Yurk, both of Glendale, Ariz.; one sister, Patty Fallquist of Glendale, Ariz.; and three stepgrandchildren, Tirra Hinkle, and Hannah and Malory Cain.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 4 p.m. in the family home at 1302 W. Ensley Ave., Auburn.

Calling is Saturday after 2 p.m. in the home.

Memorials are to the family, in care of Joyce Yurk.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Evening Star, Fri, March 2, 2001 (cont'd)

Kathryn Custer

GARRETT — Kathryn Ann (Hughes) Custer, 38, died today, March 2, 2001, at 7:59 a.m. in her Garrett home.

Mrs. Custer was a customer manager for Bristol-Myers Squibb for 15 years. She had lived in Garrett since 1988.

She earned a bachelor of science degree from Iowa State University. She was a member of Tri Kappa Sorority in Garrett, Garrett United Methodist Church and it United Methodist Women.

She was born April 28, 1962, in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Her father and stepmother, Frank N. and Cheryll Hughes, survive in Sun Lakes, Ariz. Her mother, Patricia A. (Hansacker) Hughes, preceded her in death.

She married Todd W. Custer on Aug. 6, 1988, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jessica Noel Custer, at home; one brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Rosemary Hughes of Grafton, Wis.; one sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Bob Lamote of Springfield, Minn.; two sisters-in-law and their husbands, Marsha and Tom Armstrong of Auburn, and Cheryl and Bob Clelland of Belair, Md.; an aunt, Joan Hughes of Nora Springs, Iowa; and her father- and mother-in-law, Wayne and Martha Custer of Garrett.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the Garrett United Methodist Church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. R. Larry Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice or the church.

Frank Gee

FORT WAYNE — Frank Gee, 66, died Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2001, at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Gee was an automobile dealer and a native of Romania. He was a member of the Fort Wayne Sports Club and was an avid sports fan. He lived in Leo-Cedarville.

Surviving him are his wife, Trude; two sons, Charles Gee of Auburn and George Gawreluk of Grabill; four daughters, Margaret Cartwright of Kalamazoo, Mich., Maria King of Westerville, Ohio, and Christina Gee and Frances Wagner, both of Fort Wayne; and 11 grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Floyd Cole

COLDWATER, Mich. — Floyd A. Cole, 58, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, in Coldwater, Mich.

Mr. Cole worked at Dana-Epic in Angola and enjoyed working around his home and yard.

He was born Sept. 27, 1942, in Alger, Ohio, to Floyd and Nellie (Perkins) Cole. They preceded him in death.

He married Carol A. Burns in September 2000, in Fremont, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Laura of Texas and Audrey Cole of Coldwater; one stepson, James Keller of LaPorte; four sisters, Myrtle Yates of Albion, Mich., Elise Wierts of Fremont, Caroline Zeskoski of Coldwater, and Cora Lee Bailey of Castle Rock, Colo.; one brother, John Cole of Texas; and two grandchildren.

Two brothers and four sisters preceded him in death.

There will be no services or calling. His body has been donated to medical science.

Memorials are to the family.

Putnam Funeral Home, Coldwater, is in charge of arrangements.

Alberta J. Koehl

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Alberta J. Koehl, 84, of Fort Wayne, owner/operator of Buchanan Grocery Store & Market, died Thursday, March 1, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

The Waterloo native retired in 1963 after 15 years of service and was a member of St. Therese Catholic Church. Surviving are sons Terry J. of Rome City and Michael S. of New Haven; sisters Eldora Lower and Dorothy Shortridge, both of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Her husband, Arthur C., preceded her in death. Services are 10 a.m. Monday at St. Therese Catholic Church, 2304 Lower Huntington Road, with calling one hour before services. Calling is also from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday with a 4:30 p.m. rosary service. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery. Memorials are to Masses or the church.

Information provided by Elzey & Haggard Funeral Home, 6810 Old Trail Road, 747-3186.

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Frank Edwards

SODDY DAISY, Tenn. — Frank D. Edwards Jr., 80, of Soddy Daisy, Tenn., died Thursday, March 1, 2001.

Mr. Edwards was an agent with State Farm Insurance for 33 years. He was a member of Hartwell Presbyterian Church and served as elder emeritus of First Presbyterian Church of Soddy Daisy, Tenn. He also was active in the Kiwanis Club and Good Faith Masonic Lodge 95 of Erlanger, Ky., and was a strong supporter of Reading Community Schools.

He is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Christie and Larry Myers of Auburn, Nancy and Brad Miles, and Emily and Sam Hall; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeff and Sue Edwards, and Gary and Sue Edwards; 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

His wife, Virginia Ann Edwards, and son, John William Edwards, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Schmidt-Dhonau Funeral Home, 8633 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Calling is Sunday from 4-7 p.m. in the funeral home. A Masonic service will be held Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 9, Soddy Daisy, Tenn. 37384, or Hartwell Presbyterian Church, Parkway & Woodbine, Cincinnati, Ohio 45216.

This obituary is being republished with new information on services.

Dean Picklesimer

WEST BLOOMFIELD, Mich. — Dean Edward Picklesimer, 39, died Thursday, March 1, 2001, at 4:35 a.m. in Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Mich. He lived in West Bloomfield.

Mr. Picklesimer was born Nov. 8, 1961, in Seymour, Ind., to Jesse F. and Marie (McIntosh) Pickelsimer. His mother survives in Garrett and his father is deceased.

Also surviving him are one brother, Youvat Lee "Yogi" Picklesimer of Garrett; one sister, Cindy Kay Creager of Garrett; and a friend, James W. Fancy of West Bloomfield.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Pastor David Farley officiating.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Vernon Cemetery in Vernon, Ind.

Deaths & Funerals

Mildred Kauffman

SALEM — Mildred W. Kauffman, 88, of Salem, died at 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, 2001, in Washington County Hospital, Salem, after a long illness.

Formerly of LaGrange, Mrs. Kauffman had been a resident of Heritage House in Salem since May 1, 1998.

She was a homemaker, an Avon representative, a cook at Westview School, and baked pies for local restaurants. She was a member of Emma Mennonite Church.

Mrs. Kauffman was born Feb. 6, 1913, in LaGrange County to Edward and Mary (Miller) Mishler.

On Oct. 1, 1932, she married Milo U. Miller. He died June 22, 1966. She then married Chancey Kauffman on March 1, 1980. He preceded her in death on Aug. 9, 1997.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Dorene and Carl Kauffman of Haleyville, Ala., and Doris and Gary Loy of New Salisbury; a stepdaughter, Dorothy Mast of LaGrange; three sons, Donald Miller of Arthur, Ill., Deldon Miller of LaGrange, and Dean Miller of Columbia City; two stepsons, Dennis Kauffman of Wylie, Texas, and Dwight Kauffman of Colorado; 16 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, eight stepgrandchildren, and five stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Emma Mennonite Church, Topeka. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is today from 4 to 7 p.m. in Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Memorials are to the church building fund or the Alzheimer's Association.

Janice Huffman

GARRETT — Janice A. Huffman, 68, died Friday, March 2, 2001, at 3:31 p.m. in her home on South Harrison Street in Garrett.

Mrs. Huffman retired from Garrett Industries in 1994 after 22 years of service.

She was born Aug. 3, 1932, in Butler to Henry and Hilda (Cole) Funk.

She married James Huffman on Feb. 18, 1956, in Butler. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, John Michael Huffman of Garrett; a daughter, Julie Deter of Grabill; a sister, Joyce Yates of Nashville, Ind.; and five grandchildren, Spencer Summer, Jacob, Sarah and Kallie Huffman and Coleman Spencer.

A son, Jerry Huffman, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is Monday from 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurses Service and Hospice of Fort Wayne or the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Evening Star, Sun., March 4, 2001 (cont'd)

Heribert Schiffli

WATERLOO — Heribert J. "Harry" Schiffli, 94, of Waterloo, died at 12:35 p.m. Saturday, March 3, 2001, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Schiffli was a farmer and worked as a machine operator at Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 16 years, retiring in 1972. His hobbies were weightlifting, wrestling and boxing.

He was born Sept. 5, 1906, in DeKalb County to Methias and Magdalena Schiffli.

He is survived by five sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Elizabeth Schiffli of Tallahassee, Fla., James and Kathie Schiffli of Waterloo, Richard and Judy Schiffli of Auburn, William and Deborah Schiffli of Ashley, and Dennis and Terri Schiffli of Hamilton; three daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Roc Brown of Waterloo, Patricia and Steve Erwin of Garrett, and Lorraine and Tim Stoneburner of Kendallville; a sister, Dorthea Schoudel of Waterloo; 18 grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; and his former wife, Frieda Pazitney.

A sister, Gertrude Schiffli, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with the Rev. David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be held at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Adolph Krupa

CROMWELL — Adolph Fred Krupa, 87, of Cromwell, died at 9:20 a.m. Thursday, March 1, 2001, in Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Krupa was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1941 to 1945 as a drill instructor, staff sergeant and in the motor pool.

He was an automotive mechanic, and a dairy farmer in New York. He belonged to the Knapp Lake Association.

Mr. Krupa was born Sept. 3, 1913, in Auburn, N.Y., to Peter and Barbara (Lorync) Krupa.

Surviving are a daughter, Nancy Kesterke of Wawaka; two sons and a daughter-in-law, James and Carol Krupa of Utica, N.Y., and Roger Krupa of Cromwell; a sister, Helen Krupa of New Hartford, N.Y.; seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Sawiki, on Jan. 25, 1996; a son, Richard Krupa, on Oct. 21, 2000; two sisters and three brothers.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Dale Bauman officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, with military graveside rites by Ligonier American Legion Post 243.

Calling is today from 3 to 6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Robert Yurk

AUBURN — Robert A. Yurk, 33, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, at 3 a.m. in his home on Ensley Avenue.

Mr. Yurk was an electrician with Global Electric Co. of Auburn. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines and a member of the Auburn post of the American Legion and Auburn Moose Lodge.

He was born June 3, 1967, in Chicago to Allen and Judy (Burzynski) Yurk. His mother survives in Glendale, Ariz., and his father is deceased.

He married Joyce Cooper on Dec. 2, 1997, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving him are two stepdaughters, Michelle Cain and Kristin Cain, both of Auburn; two brothers, Tom Yurk and Wayne Yurk, both of Glendale, Ariz.; one sister, Patty Fallquist of Glendale, Ariz.; and three stepgrandchildren, Tiarra Hinkle, and Hannah and Malory Cain.

Memorial services were held Saturday at 4 p.m. in the family home at 1302 W. Ensley Ave., Auburn.

Memorials are to the family, in care of Joyce Yurk.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, was in charge of arrangements.

Tom Mobley

FORT WAYNE — Tom Mobley, 38, died Saturday, March 3, 2001, at home in Fort Wayne.

He was a truck driver with Roadway Express and attended Saturn Christian Church.

He was born March 6, 1962 in Auburn to Archie and Sandra Mobley, who survive in South Milford.

Also surviving are his wife, Linda Mobley of Fort Wayne; three sons, Zachary Thomas Mobley and Justin and Nicholas Mather, all at home; a daughter, Courtney Mobley of Fort Wayne; two brothers; and two sisters.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Frederick Sammetinger

FORT WAYNE — Frederick C. "Fritz" Sammetinger, 79, died Saturday, March 3, 2001, at The Arbors.

The Wapakoneta, Ohio, native was a salesman at Monroe Office Equipment for 25 years before retiring in 1983. He was previously a manager of data processing at Tokheim Corp. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps who received the Purple Heart.

Surviving are his wife, Audrey J. Sammetinger; three daughters, Laura Leichty of Auburn, and Rebecca L. Million and Evelyn Vielkind, both of Fort Wayne; a son, Stephen J. Sammetinger of Kendallville; four sisters, Gertrude Hartman, Helen Bauer and Flora Schafenacker, all of Fort Wayne, and Esther Anderson of Pueblo, Colo.; a brother, the Rev. Carl Sammetinger of Etowah, N.C.; and five grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity English Lutheran Church, 401 W. Wayne St. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St.

Memorials are to the Second Air Division Memorial Library, Norfolk, England.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Doris Irene Tapp,** 84, died at 3:55 p.m. Saturday, in the emergency room at Goshen General Hospital. Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Stone's Hill Community Church, Ligonier, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Tuesday.

KENDALLVILLE — **J. Robert Bruce,** 76, died Saturday at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center. Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at Rome City United Methodist Church. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and an hour before services at the church Thursday.

SYRACUSE — **John E. Halsey**, 60, died Friday at Goshen General Hospital. Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

The Evening Star, Tues., March 6, 2001

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Dorothy B. Yoder,** 95, died Sunday at Vencor Hospital — LaGrange. Graveside services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at Eden Cemetery, Topeka. No calling.

KENDALLVILLE — **John Parker Nivens,** 82, died Monday at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and an hour before services Thursday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Marjorie Ann Miller,** 74, died Monday, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. Graveside services are 1:30 p.m. March 14 at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. No calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Lois Bauer,** 70, died Wednesday at Whitley Memorial Hospital. Private family memorial services were Monday.

Merea Leister

MUNCIE — Merea J. Leister, 102, died at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, 2001, at Parkview Nursing Center, Muncie.

The Muncie resident previously lived in Kendallville at the home of her niece, Luella Sibert, for several years. Before that she had lived most of her life in Sturgis, Mich. She was a homemaker.

She was born June 17, 1898, in Fairfield to Charles and Nellie (Sthair) Martin. In 1962 in Greenville, S.C., she married James E. Leister, who preceded her in death in 1977.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, four sisters, two nieces and a nephew.

Surviving is a niece, Roberta Hinkley of Muncie.

Graveside services are at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Fairfield Cemetery, DeKalb County.

Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

The Evening Star, Wed., March 7, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

John Randinelli

AUBURN — John Randinelli, 92, died Tuesday, March 6, 2001 at 11 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Randinelli was a baker at Anderson Baking Co. in Warren, Pa., for 42 years, and for Firschs Baking in Jamestown, N.Y. for eight years. He retired in 1972.

He was born Dec. 28, 1909 in Liona, Pa., to Joseph and Mary (Campisano) Randinelli.

He married Mary Jane Adams on Sept. 10, 1933, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Jack Randinelli of Auburn; two granddaughters, Kari Greenwood and Kim Randinelli; and two great-granddaughters, Autumn and Anna Greenwood.

One sister, Isabelle Praino, and one brother, Dominic Randinelli, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is tonight from 6-8 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital Auxiliary or Eckhart Public Library Endowment Fund.

Nicole Phillips

FORT WAYNE — Nicole N. "Nikki" Phillips, 20, died Monday, March 5, 2001, at 9:47 a.m. in a traffic accident in Allen County.

Miss Phillips was employed in assembly and lived in Fort Wayne.

She was born March 10, 1980, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving her are her mother and stepfather, Michelle A. Phillips Carter and Timothy L. Carter of Huntertown; her father, Michael T. Phillips of Toledo, Ohio; and two half-brothers, Mckay and Riley Phillips of Toledo.

Services will be held Friday at 8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after 6 p.m.

Clinton Hantz

ANGOLA — Clinton F. Hantz, 89, of Angola, died Tuesday, March 6, 2001, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Hantz retired from GTE in Steuben County, where he worked as a repairman, on Aug. 1, 1971, after 35 years of service. He also was a farmer and a member of the Steuben County Farm Bureau Co-op. He enjoyed farming, gardening and dancing and loved to play cards.

He was born Feb. 19, 1912, in Steuben County to Alfred and Mary Ethel (Hemry) Hantz.

On Feb. 17, 1940, he married Sharlotte W. (Straehly) Hantz, who survives.

Also surviving are four nieces, Lula Mertz, Irene Hantz, Joyce Clampitt and Bonnie Magnus; and seven nephews, Donald, Eugene, Richard, Jerry, Thomas, George and Marion Hantz.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Hantz; and three brothers, Clarence, Orville and Cecil Hantz.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Bronson Cemetery, Bronson, Mich.

Calling is Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the North Scott Christian Church or the South Scott Cemetery Assocaition.

Evening Star, Wed., March 7, 2001 (cont'd)

Lois Deuitch

GARRETT — Lois E. Deuitch, 81, died Tuesday, March 6, 2001, at 2:45 p.m. in her home on South Peters Street.

Mrs. Deuitch was a homemaker, a lifelong resident of Garrett and a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

She was born July 16, 1919, in Garrett to Nelson and Julia (Cartwright) Burtch.

She married Norbert L. Deuitch on Oct. 8, 1937, in Garrett. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Nelson Deuitch of Toronto, Canada, and Norman Deuitch of Garrett; one daughter, Vicki Clabaugh of Reading, Mich.; one brother, Richard Burtch of Pleasant Lake; one sister, Lila Deuitch of LaPorte; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A brother, Raymond Burtch, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Area Deaths

SEBRING, Fla. — **Gerald DeBolt,** 74, died Monday at Highlands Hospital, Sebring. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Markle Church of Christ. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Elzey & Haggard Ossian Chapel, and Saturday an hour before services at the church.

PIERCETON — **Evelyn D. Weaver,** 77, died Tuesday at home. Services are 2 p.m. Friday at Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there two hours before services.

WARREN — **Ralph E. "Hoop" Widner,** 85, died Monday at Markle Health Care. Graveside services are 2 p.m. today at Grant Memorial Park, Marion. No calling.

The Evening Star, Thurs., March 8, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Helen Wagner

ASHLEY — Helen G. Wagner, 92, died Tuesday, March 6, 2001, at 7:15 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

She was a homemaker and lived in Butler until 1979, when she moved to Ashley-Hudson Manor. She was a missionary in Bethany, Ky., for 10 years and was a member of the Hudson United Brethren Church.

Miss Wagner was born Feb. 19, 1909, in Butler to Lewis and Edith (Sommers) Wagner.

Surviving are a nephew and his wife, Dale and Fay Wagner of Auburn; two great-nieces, Tonia Wagner and Kelly Day, both of Auburn; and a great-great-niece, Camille Day.

One brother, Paul Wagner, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Entombment will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is today from 5-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Roy Trovinger

FORT WAYNE — Roy E. Trovinger, 87, died Wednesday, March 7, 2001, at midnight in Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Mr Trovinger retired from Indiana Michigan Power Co. in 1978 as a division superintendent after 41 years of service. He owned and operated Pioneering Engineering Co., a public utility consulting firm, for several years in Fort Wayne.

He was a 1935 graduate of Purdue University and a registered professional engineer. He had lived in Fort Wayne since 1937.

In 1973 he retired as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves after 38 years of service. During World War II he served as artillery operations officer for the Center Corps of Gen. George Patton's Third Army in its drive across Europe, including the Battle of the Bulge.

He was past president of the General Anthony Wayne Reserve Officers Association, past commander of Thomas Lau Suedoff Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9500, and a member of American Legion Post 47 and the Military Order of the World Wars.

He was a past president of the Fort Wayne Engineers Club, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, and the Ranchwood Civic Association.

He was a longtime active member of Trinity English Lutheran Church and served as a member of its council. He was active for several years in the resettlement of Vietnamese refugees, and was a past member of the board of directors of Lutheran Social Services.

Mr. Trovinger was born March 12, 1913, in Auburn to Edwin C. and Mae Belle (Slaybaugh) Trovinger.

He married Mary E. Kellog, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Douglas Roy Trovinger of Auburn; a daughter, Mary Kaye Bishton of Longmont, Colo., two sisters, Isabel Trovinger of Fort Wayne and Eleanor Thomas of Auburn; and five grandchildren.

A sister, Geraldine Rinkel, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Trinity English Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Frederick Hasecke officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the church.

Evening Star, Thurs., March 8, 2001 (cont'd)

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Charles Thomas "Tom" Nichols**, 81, died Wednesday at Michigan City Health Care. Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-

NORTH WEBSTER — **Rex E. Heckaman**, 33, died Tuesday at Kosciusko Community Hospital. Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Eastlund Funeral Homes Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there 5-8 p.m. Friday.

The Evening Star, Fri., March 9, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Annabelle Squires

AUBURN — Annabelle Burns Squires, 90, died Thursday, March 8, 2001, at 11:55 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was a 1930 graduate of Peru High School, a former employee of Kroger and the J.C. Penney stores in Auburn, and retired after working at the Boston Store in Auburn for a number of years. She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn.

She was born in LaPorte on Jan. 7, 1911, to Mahlon and Lurah (Whisler) Squires.

Surviving is a sister-in-law, Norma Squires, of Bellefontaine, Ohio.

A brother, William Squires, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Saturday from 1-2 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Indian Village Church of God or DeKalb Memorial Home Health Care.

Jean Johnson

HAMILTON — Jean M. Johnson, 61, died Thursday, March 8, 2001, at noon in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Johnson was a former store manager for JoAnn Fabrics in Fort Wayne and formerly worked for a sewing shop in Urbana, Ohio.

She was born Feb. 9, 1940, in Fort Wayne to Charles and Loella (Pressel) Inman.

She married Richard L. Johnson on July 30, 1960, in Zulu, Ind., and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Andrew and Katrina Johnson of Fort Wayne, Thomas Johnson of Fort Wayne, and William and Kim Johnson of Decatur; two brothers, Michael Inman of South Bend and David Inman of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; four sisters, Bonnie Schweyer and Sharon Logan, both of Fort Wayne, Charlene Pellot of Queen Creek, Ariz., and Judith Boors of Van Wert, Ohio; and six grandchildren, Benjamin, Jessica, Samual, Nathan, Joseph and Hannah Johnson.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with calling after 10 a.m. Father David Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Additional calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be held tonight at 8 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Area Deaths

GOSHEN — **Anna Belle Yoder**, 71, of rural Goshen, died at 4:15 p.m. Thursday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Toby Yoder residence at 15134 Ind. 4, Goshen. Calling after noon Saturday and all day Sunday at her residence at 14822 Ind. 4, Goshen.

WOLCOTTVILLE _ **Nancy A. Moore**, 57, of Wolcottville, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services at 10 a.m. Monday at LaGrange Church of God, LaGrange. Calling from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

LIGONIER — **Michael J. Morris**, 16, of Ligonier, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services at 11 a.m. Monday at Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville. Calling after 3:30 p.m. Sunday at the church and from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

Deaths/Funerals

Jean Surface

AUBURN — Jean Surface, 82, died Friday, March 9, 2001, at 7:30 a.m. in her Auburn home.

Mrs. Surface was an active volunteer in the Auburn community, serving with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. She was actively involved in the RSVP Quilt Show during the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival for many years.

Surface

She was born Sept. 18, 1918, in Jackson Township to Kent and Ruth (Dragoo) Provines.

She married Forrest Surface on June 20, 1943, in Fort Wayne. He died July 24, 1981.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Lee A. Surface of Springfield, Ohio, Olen F. and Karen Surface of Huntertown, and Eric K. and Robin Surface of Rochester; one daughter and son-in-law, Rosella and Keith Libey of Hudson; one brother, Hubert Provines of Auburn; two sisters, June Diehl of Waterloo and Eleanor Smith of Garrett; and six grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the County Line Church of God, rural Auburn, with the Rev. Robert Herman officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the church.

Billy Brown

GIRARD TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Billy C. Brown, 74, of Girard Township, died Thursday, March 8, 2001, at his home.

Mr. Brown had served as a police officer in Angola and Fremont and previously worked as a timber buyer and ran the sawmill in Fremont.

He lived in the Branch County, Mich., area for the past 18 years after moving from the Barry, Kent and Newaygo area in Michigan.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, animals and the outdoors, especially gardening. He also loved to cook.

He was born Nov. 24, 1926, in Ray, Ind., to Harold and Theressa (Blotter) Brown.

On Oct. 18, 1964, in Fremont he married Judy (Crawford) Brown, who survives at home.

Also surviving are his son and daughter-in-law, Zane and Jennifer Brown of Horseheads, N.Y.; four daughters and four sons-in-law, Kerry and Robert Bird of Hamilton, Sue and Steve Keller of Reading, Mich., Patty and Mark Klink of Angola, and Betsy Brown and John Potter of Coldwater, Mich.; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; his mother, Theressa Snyder of Angola; a brother, Bruce Brown of Blue Springs, Mo.; two sisters, Fairy Ann Wattier of Aurora, Colo., and Brenda Vrabel of Kansas City; and his former wife, Elsie Brown of Angola.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Dutcher Funeral Home, Coldwater, with Brother Tim Miller officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association or American Heart Association.

E. Max Waltenberger

HAMILTON — E. Max Waltenberger, '73, died Friday, March 9, 2001, at 3:20 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Waltenberger was a former employee of Challenge Cook of Bryan, Ohio, the former emergency management director of Steuben County, and a former employee of Oberlin Real Estate in Hamilton. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He was born Nov. 30, 1927, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Elmo and Dorothy (Fox) Waltenberger.

He married JoAnn Mettert on June 27, 1948, in Hicksville, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Greg and Sheli Waltenberger of Hamilton and Ron and Mary Waltenberger of Federalsburg, Md.; one brother, LaVon, of Jackson, Mich.; and seven grandchildren.

One son, Jim, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church. The Rev. Eric Stoops will officiate. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. The Hamilton Lions Club will conduct a memorial service at 6 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton United Methodist Church or the ALS organization.

Evening Star, Sat., March 10, 2001 (cont'd)

Craig Whonsetler

LAOTTO — Craig A. Whonsetler, 47, died Thursday, March 8, 2001, at 8:15 p.m. in his LaOtto home.

He had worked at LaOtto Farm Supply in LaOtto since 1986 and was a lifetime LaOtto resident. He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto and a 1973 graduate of East Noble High School.

Mr. Whonsetler was born Dec. 11, 1953, in Kendallville to Joseph N. and Edith (Uhl) Whonsetler. His mother survives in Avilla and his father preceded him in death on June 8, 1997.

He married Pamala Jo Kirkpatrick on Oct. 23, 1982, in Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, Kendallville, and she survives.

Also surviving him are two daughters and one son-in-law, Nichole Whonsetler of New Port Richey, Fla., and April and Tim Baird of LaOtto; two sons and daughters-in-law, Christopher and Katrina Wolfe of Churubusco, and Bert and Stacey Wolfe of Wolcottville; one brother, Guy Whonsetler of LaOtto; one sister, Linda Coy of Albion; nine grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with the Rev. Lois Watkins officiating. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family or Northeastern Indiana Hospice.

Lewis Fritz Sr.

ORLAND — Lewis Russell Fritz Sr., 73, died Wednesday, March 7, 2001, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a retired mechanic for Pokagon State Park. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force, receiving the WWII Victory Medal, National Defense Medal, Army of Occupation Medal and good Conduct Medal. He was a member of Orland American Legion Post 423.

Mr. Fritz was born Sept. 11, 1927, in Angola to Hugh and Mildred Fritz.

He married Dorothy Bell Willms, and she survives.

Also surviving him are three daughters, Vicky Shaw of Fremont, Fran Payne of Salem Center and Beverly Slone of Kendallville; six sons, Lewis R. Fritz Jr. of Columbia, Ohio, Gary M. Fritz of Nevada Mills, Mark M. Fritz, Kevin K. Fritz and Walter A. Pelfrey, all of Angola, and Steve Pelfrey of Garrett; two sisters, Pat Blair of Jonesville, Mich., and Esther Breeze of Arkansas; one brother, Floyd Fritz of Jackson, Mich.; his stepmother, Lois Fritz of Hillsdale, Mich.; a half-brother, Richard Fritz of Hillsdale; and 65 grandchildren.

Two sons, David and Richard Fritz, preceded him in death.

Services will be held today at 1 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland, with military graveside services by Orland American Legion Post 423.

Matthew Van Sickle

FORT WAYNE — Matthew James Van Sickle, 23, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, March 7, 2001, at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Van Sickle was a process engineer with Guardian Industries in Auburn for five years. He was a former secretary-treasurer and vice president of Phi Kappa Theta; a member of the Student Activity Board at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne and Student Guide.

He was an avid reader and a computer whiz, loved playing sports, and enjoyed sports, his brothers and being with his three nieces.

He was born in Des Moines, Iowa.

Surviving are his parents, Paul G. and Elaine L. Van Sickle of Wauseon, Ohio; a sister, Lisa Ann Grossman of Fort Wayne; three brothers, P. Scott Van Sickle of Santa Clara, Calif., Stephen P. Van Sickle of Archbold, Ohio, and Peter Richard Annis of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and a grandfather, Richard C. Annis Sr. of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in the Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Road, Huntertown. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, and Monday from noon-1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Beatrice Marie "Bea" Gwinnup**, 74, died Thursday at 8:50 p.m. Services Monday at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling after 11 a.m.

TULSA, Okla. — **E. Gwendolyn Emmert**, 91, died Thursday at 7:20 p.m. Services Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Howe United Methodist Church. Calling Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

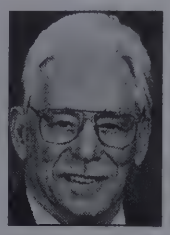
PAYSON, ARIZ. — **Ruth L. (Franze) Doub**, 82, of Payson, died Tuesday. Memorial services were held Saturday, March 3, at the Kingdom Hall in Payson.

COLUMBIA CITY — **J. Clifford Blanchard,**, 70, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 3-9 p.m. today.

Deaths & Funerals

George Brock

CROMWELL — George D. Brock, 79, died at 11:58 a.m. Friday, March 9, 2001, in his residence in Cromwell. He had been ill for a year.



Mr. Brock

He was born in Corbin, Ky., on Sept. 25, 1921, to Albert and Eva Mae (Lundy) Brock. He married Olive Jones on June 14, 1947, in Toledo, Ohio. She died in 1981.

Mr. Brock was a World War II veteran, serving with the U.S. Army and taking part in the Normandy invasion and the Battle of the Bulge. He was the recipient of five bronze star awards.

He lived the Cromwell area for 15 years after moving from Toledo. He was a member of Cromwell United Methodist Church and retired from DeVilbiss Co. in Toledo, where he was employed as a machinist.

He was a member of Toledo VFW Post 2898, Elkhart Moose Lodge No. 599, North Webster American Legion Post and the Stardust Ballroom Dance Club.

Surviving are cherished friend Norma Bitner of Ligonier; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard "Pete" and Esther Brock of Daytona Beach, Fla.; three daughters and sons-in-law, the Rev. Brenda and Donald Ginder of Cromwell, Jessica and Frank Kapp of Perrysburg, Ohio, and Laura and James Ishler of Toledo; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Kocher.

Services will be held Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Christopher Dare officiating. Burial will be in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park in Toledo, where military services will be conducted at 3 p.m.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Noble House in Albion.

Henry Harp Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — Henry L. "Hank" Harp Jr., 81, died Friday, March 9, 2001, at 4:15 p.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where he had resided since January.

He was born in LaGrange on Jan. 18, 1920, to Henry Sr. and Grace (McOscar) Harp. He married Esther Ruth Frey on April 26, 1941, in Gary. She survives in Kendallville.

Mr. Harp and his wife enjoyed over-the-road touring of the nation on their Honda Gold Wing motorcycle and logged more than 55,000 miles over a 10-year period. He also loved to hunt and fish and was a member of the LaGrange Camping Club and the Horseshoe Pitching Club in Avilla. He also was a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville.

He retired from Fine Wire in South Milford after working there for 16 years. He was a school bus driver for Avilla High School and was active as a farmer and carpenter all his life.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and William Braun of LaOtto, and Becky and Michael Ackerman of Lakewood, Colo.; one son and daughter-in-law, Craig and Mary Harp of Fort Collins, Colo.; five grandchildren, Tracy and Steve Myers of Greencastle, Thomas Braun of Annapolis, Md., Mark Harp, and Gary and Christy Harp, all of Fort Collins, Colo.; Chris and Tabitha Ackerman of Leland, N.C.; and four great-grandchildren.

One brother, Rozelle Harp, and one sister, Dean Taylor, preceded him in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. James Toole from Faith United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church's elevator fund or Provena Sacred Heart Home's Alzheimer unit.

Thelma Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Thelma A. Smith, 82, died Friday, March 9, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville, where she had lived since July 1998.

Mrs. Smith was a dietitian and worked at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville for many years. She belonged to Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, where she was a member of the Lydia Circle.

She was born Oct. 2, 1918, to Ross and Grace (McCann) Bishop. She married Elmer Leonard Smith on Dec. 3, 1936, at the Rehoboth Church in Auburn.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Bernard E. and Shirley Ann Smith, and Duane and Marilyn Smith, all of Kendallville; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Stanley Smith of Auburn, and Robert and Barbara Bishop, also of Auburn; five grandchildren, Mike Smith and Stacey Butschun, both of Houston, Texas, Gary and Craig Smith, both of Kendallville, and Kevin Smith of Rolling Prairie; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband on March 28, 1998, and a twin sister, Wilma Reade, on March 8, 1999.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Daniel Barker from Trinity Church United Methodist officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 3-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Shepherd of the Hill chapel fund, the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

The Evening Star, Mon., March 12, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Melvin Zimmerman

BUTLER — Melvin Zimmerman, 80, of Butler, died Sunday, March 11, 2001, at 9:30 a.m. in Parkview Nursing Center, Edgerton, Ohio.

Mr. Zimmerman retired from Bohn Aluminum in Butler after 32 years. He worked for Dietsch Sales and Service.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the Butler post of the American Legion, the Butler Eagles, the Veterans of Foreign Wars post at Waterloo, and the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

He was born Jan. 31, 1921, in St. Joe to Roy and Lillian (McClure) Zimmerman.

He married Doris Rex on June 4, 1955, in Butler. She died Oct. 18, 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Helen Zimmerman of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Tom Dietsch of Edgerton, Ohio, and Carolyn and Jerry Humbarger of Auburn; a sister, Ellen Mooney of Corunna; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, one sister, and one grandson, Jeff Dietsch.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. The Rev. James O. WIlson of Edgerton Trinity Bible Church will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Brain Tumor Association in remembrance of Jeff Dietsch.

John Brandon

ANGOLA — John Wilson Brandon, 84, of Zephyrhills, Fla., died Saturday, March 10, 2001, at 8 p.m. at East Pasco Medical Center in Zephyrhills.

Mr. Brandon lived on West Otter Lake near Angola in the summers.

He had been a dairy farmer and worked at Plastic Molds of Fremont, Electric Motors of Garrett, and Rieke Corp. in Auburn. He retired from Rieke in 1980.

Mr. Brandon was a member of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau and the board of the former DeKalb County Co-op. He belonged to the Angola Assembly of God, and was a Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent, youth leader, deacon, elder and board member at various times.

He enjoyed playing his clarinet at nursing homes in Indiana and Florida, and helped with prison services in Dade City, Fla.

He was born March 15, 1916, in Auburn to Larry and Mildred (Wilson) Brandon.

He married Wava Schmidt on Dec. 25, 1938, in the Auburn Christian Church. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Larry and Peggy Brandon of Galveston, Ind., John Brandon of Corunna, and Tim and Lori Brandon of LaOtto; three daughters and three sons-in-law, Dana and Dale Smith of Waterloo, Nancy and Harry Fike of Angola and Barbara and David Ault of South Bend; 14 grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Barbara Brandon, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Angola Assembly of God. Pastor Darold Beck will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Gideon Society.

Area Deaths

ELKHART — **Joyce E. Baird,** 53, died Saturday at Elkhart General Hospital. Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home, 700 E. Jackson, Elkhart, with calling there an hour before services.

AVILLA — **Mary L. Latta,** 35, died Saturday at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville. Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with calling there 6-9 p.m. today.

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Ora Patee

BUTLER — Ora K. Patee, 88, died Sunday, March 11, 2001, at 1:30 p.m. in his home at Butler.

Mr. Patee had been an employee of the Norfolk & Western railroad. He wa a member of the Butler Church of Christ and Lake James Christian Assembly.

He was born Oct. 24, 1912, in Newville to Bert and Maude (Loveland) Patee.

He married Violette Brunson on Oct. 24, 1937, in Macy, Ind. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are two daughters, Karolyn Carey of Fort Wayne and Shannon Smith of Butler; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and one grandchild.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. The Rev. Frank Weller, pastor of the Butler Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, Newville.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Church of Christ, Lake James Christian Assembly and DeKalb Hospice.

Ruby Selby

AUBURN — Ruby R. Selby, 96, died Sunday, March 11, 2001, at 9:35 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Selby managed the Marshall Heights Motel in Marshall, Mich., from 1960 to 1965, and the Starlite Motel in Auburn from 1965 to 1970. She worked in the kitchen at DeKalb Memorial Hospital from 1970 to 1979. She also worked as a practical nurse in Garrett and Michigan.

She was a very active member of the Lakewood Park Baptist Church in Auburn.

She was born Feb. 10, 1905, in Garrett, to William and Amanda (Friend) Nicholas.

She married Roland Selby on May 2, 1946, in Auburn. He died in 1970.

Surviving are two stepchildren, Mary Beth Harvey and Fritz Selby, both of California; a sister, Fay Bolinger; and several nieces and nephews.

A brother, Forrest Nicholas, and a sister, Nellie McConnell, also preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Zion 16 Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling is Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lakewood Park Baptist Church in Auburn.

The Evening Star, Tues., March 13, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Marjorie Kenton

URBANA, Ohio — Marjorie H. Kenton, 80, died Sunday, March 11, 2001, in her residence in Urbana.

Mrs. Kenton was employed by Hall Co. from 1962 to 1978, and formerly was employed by the Champaign County Library. She was a member of the Urbana Presbyterian Church.

She was born Jan. 28, 1921, in Gas City, Ind., to Pearl M. and Helen (Salzmann) Brattain.

She married Harold T. "Pete" Kenton in 1941. He died in 1989.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Andrew S. and Teresa Kenton of Angola; one daughter, Rebecca A. Pyle of Urbana; a sister, Phyllis M. Valandry of Dunedin, Fla., one brother, Dwight H. Brattain of Bremen, Ohio; six grandchildren and their spouses, Matthew and Melissa Kenton, Peter Kenton, Sarah Kenton, Seth and Rosie Pyle, Ben and Sarah Pyle, and Luke and Nichole Pyle; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Richard.

Memorial services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Littleton & Rue Funeral Home in Urbana with the Rev. Clifford Kissinger officiating. Burial will be in Oakdale Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Mercy Hospice Fund, 1343 N. Fountain Blvd., Springfield, Ohio, 45504. Condolences may be expressed to the family through www.littletonandrue.com.

Evening Star, Tues., March 13, 2001 (cont'd)

Betty Delinsky

ANGOLA — Betty Jean Delinsky, 73, of Angola, died Monday, March 12, 2001, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Delinsky had worked as a supervisor at the Chrysler Trim Plant in Lyons, Mich.

She was born May 28, 1927, in Easton Township, Ionia County, Mich., to Bruce and Bernadine (McCusker) Minaker.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Brad Nickols of St. Joe; a son, William Larsen of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; three brothers and three sisters-in-law, Charles and Linda Minaker of Sparta, Mich., James and Ardenia Minaker of Denver, and Robert and Betty Minaker of Muskegon, Mich.; seven sisters and three brothers-in-law, Roberta Minaker of Stanton, Mich., Ella and Harry Dunham of Arizona, Jane and Robert Gachter of Stanton, Mich., Jacqueline Morris of Belding, Mich., Bonnie and Wayne Thomas of Fenwick, Mich., Marian Hagerman of Ionia, Mich., and Lois Lund of Stanton, Mich.; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Delinsky, in 1993; an infant daughter; and two brothers, Elmer and William Minaker.

Services will be held Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Saranac Cemetery, Saranac, Mich.

Calling is Wednesday from 1-4:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Fern Albright

ORLAND — Fern L. Albright, 98, died Monday, March 12, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Albright was a homemaker and also worked at Keyes Grocery and Wagner's Superette, both in Orland.

She was born March 20, 1902, in Hudson to Guy and Bernice (Woodford) Zimmerman.

She married Earl Albright in 1918 in Steuben County. He died Jan. 22, 1975.

Surviving her are one daughter, Dorcas Norton of Orland; one son, Donald D. Albright of Orland; seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Dean and Milo Albright, one sister and one brother.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland, with the Rev. Rodger Strong officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Joyce Public Library in Orland or Orland Fire Rescue.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

John Derrow

AUBURN — John David Derrow, 25, died Sunday, March 11, 2001, about 9 p.m. in a shooting in Kendallville.

Mr. Derrow was a construction worker for Jayton Construction of Auburn and a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge. He lived on West Ninth Street in Auburn.

He was born June 14, 1975, in Auburn. His parents, Jerry and Jolynn (Derrow) Keen, survive in Auburn.

Also surviving him are one brother, Jerry Keen Jr. of Auburn; his grandparents, Judy and David Nickols of Fort Wayne; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Pastor Noel Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

RANCHO LA AMAPALA, Mexico — **DeLores Ibarra Marin,** 99, died Saturday at home. Funeral services were Sunday in Mexico.

CHURUBUSCO — **Eldon D. Anderson,** 77, died Monday at home. Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Wednesday.

The Evening Star, Wed., March 14, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Darlyne Griffin

WALNUT GROVE, Miss. — Darlyne Joan Griffin, 69, died Feb. 27, 2001, at 4:30 a.m. at her daughter's home in Walnut Grove, Miss.

Mrs. Griffin was a homemaker and lived in Walnut Grove. She was an active member of Springfield Baptist Church. She attended school in Butler.

She was born Oct. 29, 1931, in Auburn to Mary (Hogan) and John Dickson Sr.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Zach Eakes and Percy Griffin.

Surviving her are four sons, Michael Eakes of Union, Miss., Randy Eakes of Carthage, Miss., Ricky Eakes of Little Rock, Miss., and Ronnie Eakes of Collinville, Miss.; three daughters, Karen Stuart of Forrest, Miss., Susan White of Walnut Grove and Mary Ann Charlton of Little Rock; two brothers, Jack Dickson and Ted Dickson, both of Auburn; four sisters, Doris Ort, Betty Miller, Jane Boger and Shirley Greuter, all of Auburn; 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two grandchildren and a brother, John Dickson Jr.

Services were held March 2 in Colonial Chapel Funeral Home in Forrest, Miss., with the Rev. Don Taylor and the Rev. Charlton Jones officiating. Burial was in Springfield Baptist Church Cemetery in Leake County, Miss.

France Pollack

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Frances T. Pollack, 83, died Monday, March 5, 2001, at 4:10 p.m. in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Pollack was the original owner of the Sedan Motel on U.S. 6 near Corunna. She lived in Grand Rapids for 25 years and was a member of St. Joseph Vianney Catholic Church in Grand Rapids.

She was born March 10, 1917, in St. Louis, Mo., to William and Alma Korte.

She was married for 50 years to William G. Pollack Sr., who died in 1993.

Surviving her are one son and daughter-in-law, William and Judy Pollack of Auburn; two daughters and one son-in-law, Fran and Bob Smith of Grand Rapids, and Joanie Pollack of Grand Rapids; one sister, Ann Walters of Illinois; two sisters-in-law, Vera Pollack of St. Joseph, Mich., and Violet Pollack of Illinois; four grandchildren, Chris Pollack of Portage, Mich., and Michelle Harper, Matthew Pollack, and Susan Pollack, all of Auburn; and four great-grandchildren, Noah and Mitchell Pollack of Portage, and Sarah and Danny Harper of Auburn.

Services were held March 10 in St. John Vianney Catholic Church, with Father Larry King officiating. Burial was in the Catholic Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Alzheimer's Association.

Walter Baker

ALBION — Walter J. Baker, 86, died at 11:25 p.m. Sunday, March 11, 2001, at Kingston Nursing Home, Ligonier.

The lifetime resident of Noble County was a retired farmer, plumber and electrical worker. He was a fisherman and hunter.

He was born May 18, 1914, in Noble County to Samuel W. and Fary M. (Kreager) Baker. On Aug. 24, 1935, at the Methodist Church in Albion, he married Floeila Weber, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Lucille and Dave Tumlinson of Jackson, Mich., Ann M. and Doug Gaerte of Albion and Linda Butler-Whittaker and Jack Butler of Garrett; nine grandchildren, Tim, Walter and Robert Tumlinson, Lisa Balliet, Mindy Baldwin, Lorie Tipscord, Joe Butler and LeAnn and Angie Gaerte; two nieces, Pauline Ross and Claudine King, both of Albion; 18 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Baker, and in 1988 by a grandson, John William Butler.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. Burial will be at Merriam Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Marshall B. Wetzel,** 75, died Tuesday at Whitley Memorial Hospital, Columbia City. Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Trinity English Lutheran Church's Krauss Chapel, 405 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne. Calling is 4-8 p.m. Friday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and at the church an hour before services.

DECATUR — **Carla R. Secaur,** 61, died Tuesday at home. Graveside services are 9 a.m. Friday at Salem United Church of Christ Cemetery, Magley. Memorial services follow at 10 a.m. at the Salem Untied Church of Christ, Magley. Calling is 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur.

Deaths/Funerals

Shirley Baker

AUBURN — Shirley Ann Baker, 45, died Tuesday, March 13, 2001, at 3:34 p.m. in Valparaiso.

Baker

She was a homemaker and lived in Auburn. She was a member of Soul's Harbor Assembly of God Church in Auburn, Kendallville Eagles, and the Auburn American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Aug. 24, 1955, in Fort Benning, Ga. Her mother, Maxine (Rhodes) Olds, survives in Auburn and her father, Ray D. Baker, is deceased.

Also surviving are four sons, Gregory D. Baker of Milwaukee, Wis.; Michael Baker, David Baker and Darell "Donny" Kirksey, all of Auburn; one daughter, Alicia Fosnaugh of Auburn; one brother, Greg A. Baker of Butler; three sisters, Raynell Mills and June Jordan, both of Auburn, and Cindy Schuller of Butler; and one grandchild, Briana Fosnaugh.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in Soul's Harbor Assembly of God Church, with the Rev. David Snodderly officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation or the family.

Mary Dibert

AUBURN — Mary Louise Wetters Harlan Dibert, 94, died Sunday, March 11, 2001, at Smith Farms Manor in Auburn.

Dibert

Mrs. Dibert taught music in various elementary schools in Indiana, including Avilla and LaOtto. She owned Harlan's Hardware in LaOtto.

She graduated from Bippus High School in 1924 and from Manchester College in 1927. She was a member of the Huntertown United Methodist Church, Home Extension Club and the Huntertown chapter of the Order of Eastern Star. She loved golf, travel and reading.

She was born Jan. 20, 1907, in Bippus to William and Elizabeth (Bechtold) Wetters.

She married Lynn Harlan, who died June 4, 1966. She then married Ernie Dibert, who died June 2, 2000.

Surviving her are six nieces, LaVonne Haines of Huntington, Dr. Loretta Leyman of New York, Mary Jane Yaney of Florida, Edith Brown of Pennsylvania, Eileen Wilson of Lake Wawasee, Syracuse, and Mary Lou McDowell of Albion; several stepchildren and cousins.

Two sisters, Ethyl Steffen and Veda Leyman, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in the Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church, Harland Hospice and Hospice of Choice.

Robert Mills

SOUTH CONWAY, N.H. — Robert Thomas Mills, 70, died Friday, March 9, 2001, in Springbrook Nursing Home in Westbrook, Maine, after a long illness.

He worked 34 years for E.I. DuPont DeNemours, retiring in 1985 as an executive in marketing. After his retirement, he also owned and operated a chemical business for 10 years.

Mr. Mills graduated from Tri-State College in Angola in 1962 with a degree in chemical engineering. He had lived in South Conway since 1994 and enjoyed hunting, fishing and golf. He was a talented artist and a member of the North Conway Rotary Club.

He was born Feb. 21, 1931, to Russell Thomas and Golda Marie (Rowe) Mills. His mother died in 1972 and his father died in 1987. A stepmother, Peggy Mills of Auburn, survives.

He married Joann Chapin on Sept. 22, 1951, in Louisville, Ky., and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Michael B. Mills of Leawood, Kan.; one daughter, Gail M. Babick of Cape Elizabeth, Maine; one brother, Rodney Mills of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Roselyn Wells of Auburn and Rita Smith of Northome, Minn.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cheryl L. Mills in 1985, and a brother, Ronald Bruce Mills on Oct. 5, 1985.

Services were held March 11 at 1 p.m. in Furber and White Funeral Home, North Conway, with the Rev. Jack Haney officiating. Burial will be in Conway Village Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation Inc., 30 E. 33rd St., New York, NY 10016.

Evening Star, Thurs., March 15, 2001 (cont'd)

Lois Brooks

RICHMOND — Lois Elizabeth Brooks, 85, of Richmond, died Monday, March 12, 2001, at Golden Rule Nursing Center, Richmond.

Mrs. Brooks was a lifelong resident of Richmond. She was born April 3, 1915, in Richmond to Harry Casper and Clara Schoder Rohe.

Surviving are three daughters, Sharon S. Barger of Goshen, Ohio, Janet K. Bisson of Angola, and Darlene A. Carter of Richmond; seven grandchildren. two great-grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harlan L. Brooks, in 1965; a brother, Robert Rohe; and a sister, Kathryn Brooks.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Doan and Mills Funeral Home, Richmond, with Father Todd Riebe officiating. Burial will be in Earlham Cemetery, Richmond.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Linda Klee

SANDSTON, Va. — Linda Lee Klee, 58, died Feb. 18, 2001, at 11:30 p.m. in Retreat Hospital at Richmond, Va.

She was a dog groomer and owned and operated A Canine Cuttery in Richmond. She also was a handler at dog shows. She was a member of the National Belgium Sheepdog Club and lived in Sandston.

Mrs. Klee was born Aug. 13, 1942, in New York State.

She married Henry C. Klee Jr. on Oct. 17, 1960, in Newport News, Va., and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael P. Klee of Richmond and Kelly S. Klee of Sandston; a daughter, Christia Mardigian of Sandston; a sister and brother-in-law, Kay and Dale Watson of Auburn; three grandchildren and two nephews, Jason and Christopher Watson of Auburn.

Graveside services were held Feb. 22 in Parklawn Memorial Park in Hampton, Va.

R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home, Hampton, was in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Josephine L. Cookerly**, 96, died Tuesday at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at McCloskey-Hamilton-Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with calling there two hours before services.

LAGRANGE — **Joas E. Miller**, 80, died Wednesday at Vencor Hospital — LaGrange. Services are 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Dan H. Yoder residence, 200S — 250W, LaGrange. Calling will be after 6 p.m. today and all day Friday at the family residence, 2135W — 200S, LaGrange.

The Evening Star, Fri., March 16, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Virginia Schafer

ANGOLA — Virginia Marie Schafer, 81, of Angola, died Thursday, March 15, 2001, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Schafer, a homemaker, was a life member of the North Webster post of American Legion.

She was born Aug. 30, 1919, in Dayton, Ohio, to Lee and Margaret (Laughlin) Weaver.

Surviving are a son, Bobby Dean Schafer of northern Michigan; two daughters, Peggy Louise Howe of Greenback, Tenn., and Roberta Schafer Persechino of Angola; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Schafer, in 1979; and a brother, Jimmy Lee Weaver.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Mock Addition Cemetery, North Webster. There is no calling.

Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Ruth Atwood

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth M. Atwood, 84, of Kendallville, died in her sleep after a short illness Thursday, March 15, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Atwood, a homemaker, had worked at Burrwood Home for the Blind in Coldwater Springs Harbor, N.Y.

She was born April 7, 1916, in Pleasant Lake to Ray and Mary N. (Jewell) McLain.

In 1935, she married Sherman Atwood. He died Jan. 13, 1986.

Surviving are two sons, Ray Atwood of Waterbury, Vt., and Paul Atwood of Danbury, Conn.; two daughters, Jeanne Atwood of North Fort Myers, Fla., and Joann Masturso of Beeville, Texas; two sisters, Marjorie Geark of LaGrange, and Sharon Warble of Howe; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; and her companion, Merle Miller of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Arlene Dodge and Florence DeWitt; and two brothers, Emmett McClain and Kenneth McClain.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is Saturday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Area Deaths

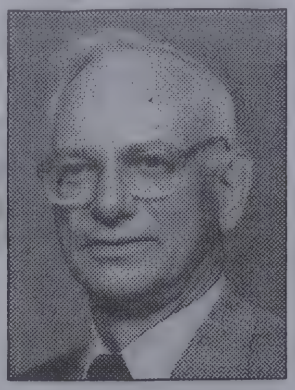
COLUMBIA CITY — **Alice E. Zumbrun,** 77, died Thursday at Whitley Memorial Hospital. Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

Donald E. Warner

Jan. 15 01 N-S

Fort Wayne — 1927-2001

Donald E. Warner, 73, of Fort Wayne, a World War II and Korean War Army veteran, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2001, at home.



The DeKalb County native retired in 1988 after 35 years as stores supervisor for Dana Corp. He was a member of United Methodist Church of the Covenant and had volunteered at Parkview Hospital for several years.

Surviving are his wife, Carol M.; a daughter, the Rev. Cathy S. Johns of Warsaw; sisters Lois Davis of Bradenton, Fla., Sherrianne Searle of Columbia, S.C., and Phyllis Swain of Fort Wayne; brothers Arthur of Billings, Mont., and Larry of Beaver Creek, Ohio; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, David L.; and a sister.

Memorial services are 5 p.m. Saturday at United Methodist Church of the Covenant, 10001 Coldwater Road, with calling one hour prior to services. Calling will also be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road. Burial will be at Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

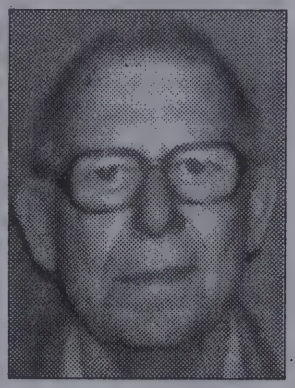
Information provided by Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, 485-8500.

Richard L. Oberlin

Jan. 16 01 N-S

Fort Wayne — 1913-2001

Richard L. Oberlin, 87, of Fort Wayne, a member of Calvary Temple Worship Center, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2001, at Parkview Hospital.



The Auburn native was a retired self-employed painter and decorator.

Surviving are daughters Deloris Ely of Montpelier, Sharon Braun of Fort Wayne, Candace Billings of Holland, Ohio, Deborah Fitzsimmons of New Haven and Becky Karl of Albion; sons Richard of Fort Wayne, Paul Schoff of Fulton and Keith Schoff of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a sister, Dorothy Oberlin of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by wives Dora and Betty, a son, Joe, and two sisters.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, with calling from 5 to 8 p.m. today. Burial will be at Highland Park Cemetery.

Information provided by Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, 485-8500.

Charlotte J. Pape

Jan 25 01 N-S

Fort Wayne

Charlotte J. Pape, 75, of Fort Wayne, a member of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2001, at Saint Anne Home.

The Auburn native had worked with GTE as a billing representative for 14 years.

Surviving are sons Timothy D., Joel P. and Matthew J., all of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman F., and a sister, Maxine Greene.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association Northeast Indiana Chapter or Saint Anne Home.

Information provided by D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, 426-9494.

The Evening Star, Sat., March 17, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Harold Calvelage

FREMONT — Harold Edwin Calvelage, 73, died Thursday, March 15, 2001, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Calvelage was a self-employed certified public accountant and lived on Lake James, Fremont. He attended Ohio State University and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church of Angola, Theta Kappa Phi fraternity and Angola Elks Lodge.

He was born May 27, 1927, in Fort Jennings, Ohio, to Rudolph and Laura (Rekart) Calvelage.

He married Alberta Mary Wannemacher on June 3, 1950, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Patricia Schlup of Angola; four sons, Mark of Wapakoneta, Ohio, John of Findlay, Ohio, Michael of Loveland, Colo., and Luke of Angola; one sister, Cecile Helmkamp of Delphos, Ohio; one brother, Hubert of Delphos; and eight grandchildren.

One son, Matthew, and one sister, Stasia Huston, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 4 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. in the funeral home. A prayer service will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or masses.

Flora Sordelet

ANGOLA — Flora C. Sordelet, 96, of Jimmerson Lake, died Thursday, March 15, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sordelet was a homemaker and a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola, the Altar and Rosary Society and Jamestown Extension Homemakers.

She was born Jan. 14, 1905, in Allen County to Henry and Catherine (Bueter) Masbaum.

On April 28, 1925, she married Leonard Sordelet. He died in 1977.

Surviving are a daughter, Phyllis Heinze of Angola; a sister, Jeanette Brown of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five sisters and a brother.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 6-8 p.m., with a 6:30 p.m. rosary service, at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, and one hour before the service Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the St. Anthony Church building fund and the Steuben County Council on Aging.

John Hein

ANGOLA — John Robert Hein, 51, died Thursday, March 15, 2001, in Angola.

A machinist for Meridian Automotive Systems, Angola, he was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran and attended the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Angola.

He was born Jan. 2, 1950, in East Chicago, Ill. Survivors include his parents, Jack and Patricia (Quinn) Hein, Abilene, Tex.;

He was preceded in death by one brother, Jack Thomas Hein.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Griffith, with the Rev. Theodore Mens officiating. Burial will be in Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville.

Calling will be at the church for a half hour before the service.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Donald Shadle

ANGOLA — Donald W. Shadle, 66, of Angola, died Friday, March 16, 2001, at his residence.

Mr. Shadle, a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, was retired from Zollner in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Angola American Legion Post 31 and the Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Aug. 24, 1934, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are three sons, Donald G. of Fort Wayne, Vaughn W. of Dallas, and Jeffrey A. of Greenville, Texas; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

James Renfrow

BUTLER — James O. Renfow Sr., 54, died Friday, March 16, 2001, at his Butler residence.

He was born Nov. 15, 1946, in Butler County, Ky., to Roscoe and Myrtle (Lindsay) Renfrow. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Janice (Wogoman) Renfrow; two sons and daughters-in-law, James Renfrow Jr. and Joyce Renfrow of Hicksville, Ohio, and Jon "Tommy" and Olivia Renfrow of Corunna; one daughter and son-in-law, Joni and Ricky Spau of Las Cruces, N.M.; his mother-in-law, Shirley Chapman of Butler; four brothers, Oscar, Leon, Clint and Richard Renfrow, all of Auburn; four sisters, Martine Fell of Waterloo, Linda Fell of Spencerville, Laura Harris of Georgia, and Mary Vintile of Auburn; and 10 grandchildren.

One daughter, Tina Renfrow, and two brothers, Harden and Raymond, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Juanita Barclay

FORT WAYNE — Juanita Barclay, 81, died Thursday, March 15, 2001, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

The Fort Wayne resident was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a native of Harlan County, Ky., and a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Neil J. Barclay; two daughters, Eleanora Young of Chandler, Ariz., and Barbara Hart of Monroeville; two stepdaughters, Sandra Koher and Cynthia White, both of Wolf Lake; a son, Wayne E. Young of Ledbetter, Ky.; three stepsons, Keith, Steven and Kevin Barclay, all of Wolf Lake; a sister, Helen Bernatos of Brookville, Wis.; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Five brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.

Services are 2 p.m. today at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home Jacobs Chapel, 11 S. Water St., Monroeville. Burial will be at St. Louis Catholic Cemetery, Besancon.

Calling is an hour before services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Harold Chester

FORT WAYNE — Harold D. Chester, 75, died Friday, March 16, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital.

The Fort Wayne native was a retired truck driver who retired in 1992 from the Fort Wayne Street Department after 10 years of service. He had worked at Wolf Bedding for 25 years. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a son, John E. Chester of Angola; and two sisters, Harriet Hunt of Kendallville and Hilda Kimmel of Fort Wayne.

His wife, Thelma D. Chester, a brother and a sister preceded him in death.

There are no services or calling. Burial will be at Rice Cemetery, Elkhart.

Arrangements are by C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home.

Geraldine Boughey

KENDALLVILLE — Geraldine M. Boughey, 101, died at 6:20 a.m. Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mrs. Boughey

Her family moved to Kendallville when she was 2 years old. She was a seamstress, working at the Trenton Garment Co., Kendallville, for 13 years. She delivered newspapers in Kendallville with her son, Gene, for over 20 years. She was a member of Kendallville Church of Christ. She enjoyed reading, social events, games, singing hymns and studying the Bible.

She was born Feb. 17, 1900, to Clyde and Grace (Gaines) Forbes. In 1918, she married Lester Wert, who preceded her in death. In LaPorte on Dec. 19, 1945, she married Robert Earl Boughey, who preceded her in death in 1982.

Two brothers, Leonard and Keith Forbes, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Donald Zeedyk of Kendallville; a son, Eugene Wert of Kendallville; a brother, Max Forbes of Kendallville; two granddaughters, Sandra Showen of Virginia Beach, Va., and Susan Walsh of Dayton, N.J.; two great-grandchildren, Donald and Nancy Showen, both of Virginia Beach, Va.; a niece, Grace Moriarty of Hamilton; and three nephews, George Workman of Kendallville, Thomas Forbes of Fort Wayne and Hubert Forbes of Seabrook, Texas.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Arvill B. Brown, Kendallville Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

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Phyllis Clark

FORT WAYNE — Phyllis J. Clark, 72, died Thursday, March 15, 2001, at Regency Place.

The Fort Wayne native was a homemaker and a Methodist.

Surviving are her husband, Willard Clark; a stepdaughter, Beth A. Boger of Waterloo; two stepsons, Gary and Matthew Clark, both of Fort Myers, Fla.; and a sister, Catherine Rockerfeller of Fort Wayne.

Graveside services are 11 a.m. Monday at Eel River Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or the nurses and aides of B Wing, Regency Place Nursing Home.

Area Deaths

SYRACUSE — **Geneieve R. Piotrowski**, 89, died Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor. Services are 1 p.m. Monday at Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there an hour before services.

The Evening Star, Mon., March 19, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Tina Lane

BUTLER — Tina Maria Combs Lane, 26, died Saturday, March 17, 2001, at 9:39 a.m. in a car-train accident on DeKalb County Road 53 near U.S. 6.

Lane

She was a secretary at Heidtman Steel, Butler, and lived on County Road 28 in rural Butler.

She was born Nov. 19, 1974, in Auburn to Claude and Drucilla (DeMint) Combs. They survive in Butler.

Also surviving are three children, Xavier Lane, 7, Zachary Lane, 5, and Yorick Lane, 11 months, all at home; a brother and sister-in-law, Claude L. and Melody Combs of Garrett; a sister and brother-in-law, Jeanie and Jeff Kunce of Auburn; her grandmother, Phyllis Lavon Davis of Hamilton; her grandfather, Robert P. DeMint of Butler; her great-grandfather, Rudolph Hoff of Hamilton; two nephews and one niece.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Rick Davis officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Golden Lake.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the children's trust fund in care of Claude Combs, 4919 County Road 28, Butler.

Jairus 'Jerry' Friend

WATERLOO — Jairus "Jerry" Milton Friend, 86, died Sunday, March 18, 2001, at 1:10 a.m. in Wesley Health Care at Auburn.

Mr. Friend was a U.S. Navy veteran, having fought in World War II. He was a member of the Corunna Community Church, the Knights of Pythias in Corunna and American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville.

He had been employed at Sonotone Hearing Aids in Fort Wayne, then worked at Charleston Metal Products in Waterloo, where he retired in 1980 after 15 years.

He was born Feb. 10, 1915, in Richland Township to Emery and Mattie (Knox) Friend.

He married Helen (Meyer) Friend in Waterloo on Sept. 22, 1946, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert E. and Susan Friend of Griffith, James M. and Carol Friend of Bryan, Ohio, and Mark A. Friend of Waterloo; two brothers, George and Stanley, both of Corunna; one sister, Irene Myers of Corunna; five grandchildren, Lindsay Maloney, Jonathan R. Friend, Lori Nawrocki, Sandi Washburn and Vanessa Friend; and four great-grandchildren, Sarah, Anthony and Rebekah Nawrocki and Justin Genot.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, where the Kendallville and Avilla American Legion posts will conduct military graveside services.

Calling is Tuesday from noon-2 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Corunna Community Church.

Virginia Crone

ANGOLA — Virginia M. Crone, 81, died Friday, March 16, 2001, at 5 p.m. in Angola.

Mrs. Crone was a homemaker and a member of the Angola United Methodist Church.

She was born Jan. 15, 1920, in Mishawaka to Francis G. and Vera Jean (Tillman) Peters.

She married John D. Crone in 1948. He died June 28, 1999.

Surviving her are one son, Phillip E. Blackstone of Schenectady, N.Y.; one daughter, Vicki J. Nichols of Fort Wayne; one stepdaughter, Donna Rose of Bluffton, S.C.; three grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren and eight stepgreat-grandchildren.

One brother, Bob Peters, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola. Dr. Norman Glassburn of the Angola United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Hospice.

Evening Star, Mon., March 19, 2001 (cont'd)

Betty Kees

ELKHART — Betty R. Kees, 72, died unexpectedly Thursday, March 15, 2001, at 1:50 p.m. in her Elkhart home.

She was a homemaker and moved to Elkhart 10 years ago from Warsaw.

Mrs. Kees was born June 8, 1928, in Chicago to George M. and Rose Mary (Dunbar) Kelly.

She married James R. Kees on April 28, 1951, in Auburn. He died in September 1988.

Surviving are one son, Michael R. Kees of Gilbert, Ariz.; one sister, Mary Goltry of Terre Haute; and four grandchildren.

Two brothers, Bernard J. and Jack R. Kelly, preceded her in death.

Services were today at 11 a.m. in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Elkhart, with calling after 10 a.m. Father John Overmyer officiated. Burial was in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery in Auburn, with Father Charles Herman officiating.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or Elkhart County Humane Society.

Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, is in charge of arrangements.

Ruthe Hadley

CLEAR LAKE — Ruthe Wheatley Hadley, 92, of Clear Lake, died Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at Blake Memorial Hospital, Bradenton, Fla.

Mrs. Hadley was a homemaker and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Fremont United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star 229 of Ashley.

She was born May 5, 1908, in Cleveland to Thomas J. and Emma (Rand) Wheatley.

On July 14, 1930, she married Ralph Hadley in Cleveland. He died Jan. 4, 1984.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and George Close of Fremont, Ann and George Baird of Lakewood, Wash., and Alice and Ray Corwin of Portland, Ore.; 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Lester Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

Calling was from noon-2 p.m. today.

Memorials are to the church.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Florence L. Mitchell**, 94, of Avilla, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla. Calling is from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

HOWE — **Jose Omar Olivares**, 59, of Howe, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Brighton Chapel, Brighton. Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Brighton Chapel.

TUCSON, Ariz. — **ChiYon Sheley**, 64, of Tucson, Ariz., formerly of Kendallville, died Saturday. Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, Tucson. Calling from 3 to 7 p.m. today at Bring Funeral Home, Tucson, with rosary prayed at 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

The Evening Star, Tues., March 20, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Brenda Beck

ANGOLA — Brenda S. Beck, 45, of Angola, died Monday, March 19, 2001, at her home.

Ms. Beck worked at RISE Inc. in Angola for 28 years.

She was born April 30, 1955, in Fort Wayne to the Rev. Darold and Janice (Bowen) Beck, who survive in Angola.

Also surviving are her grandmother, Beulah Beck of Archbold, Ohio; three sisters, Nancy Mills of Medina, Ohio, Rhonda Heifner of Angola, and Darlene Gould of Kalamazoo, Mich.; five nieces, four nephews, a great-niece and a great-nephew.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Angola Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Chris E. Cain officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to RISE Inc.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Roy K. Juday**, 87, died Monday at home in rural Howe. Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

CHURUBUSCO — **Bueford "Joe" Paynter**, 62, died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 6-8 p.m. today.

FORT WAYNE — **Bueford "Rex" Craft**, 79, died Friday at Community Hospital of New Port Richey, New Port Richey, Fla. Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408

Deaths/Funerals

Hugh Phillips

ASHLEY — Hugh Phillips, 72, died Monday, March 19, 2001, at 4:46 p.m. in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Indianapolis.

Mr. Phillips was a retired truck driver and lived in Ashley, moving there from Long Beach, Calif. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was born Nov. 5, 1928, in Detroit, Mich., to William and Ivy (Martin) Phillips.

Surviving him are two daughters, Shannon Phillips of Ashley and Robin Phillips of Long Beach; two sons, Scott Phillips of Milwaukee, Wis., and Bill Phillips of Port Huron, Mich.; and two grandchildren, Nicholas and Gregory Phillips.

One brother, Ronald Phillips, preceded him in death.

The family will have a time of remembrance and fellowship Saturday from 3-5 p.m. in Dillinger's Restaurant in Hudson.

Calling is Saturday from noon-3 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Stanley Voirol

NEY, Ohio — Stanley S. Voirol, 57, died Monday, March 19, 2001, at Community Hospitals of Williams County, Bryan, Ohio.

The Monroeville native was a CAD programmer at Tomco Plastics, Bryan.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn Voirol; two sons, Brian Voirol of LaOtto and Stephen Voirol of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Michelle Weingart of Elkhart; two stepdaughters, Deborah Okuley of New Bavaria and Beverly Blosser of Defiance; his parents, Arthur and Maxine Voirol of Avilla; four brothers, Duane Voirol of Auburn, Dennis Voirol of Harlan, Tim Voirol of Spencerville and Terry Voirol of LaGrange; and nine grandchildren.

A stepson, Gary Boff, preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home, Defiance. Burial will be at Myers Cemetery, Defiance County.

Calling is 7-9 p.m. today and 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Esther Haviland

Pauline McClish

ANGOLA — Pauline M. McClish, 84, of Angola, died Tuesday, March 20, 2001, at the Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. McClish had worked at Bassett's Restaurant and the Hotel Hendry in Angola.

She was a member of the Sugar-N-Spice Home Economics Club and a past-president of the Spanish-American War Veterans Auxiliary.

She was born March 9, 1917, in Angola to Alfred and Sadie (Betz) Penick.

On Nov. 21, 1936, she married Ora S. McClish. He died Dec. 7, 1987.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ora S. and Marsha McClish Jr. of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon K. and Gene Erwin of Pleasant Lake; two sisters, Rose Marie Funk of Fremont and Evelyn Stroud of Phoenix; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Dorothy Nichols and Irene Hobson; and seven brothers, Milo, Wayne, Clarence, Orlo, Ralston, Allie Jr. and Robert Penick.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Ken Butz officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

Alfred Leato Sr.

CHICAGO, Ill. — Alfred J. Leato Sr., 61, died March 15, 2001, after a sudden illness. He was a retired truck driver.

He was born April 3, 1939, in Chicago. His wife, Rosalyn Jean, preceded him in death.

Surviving him are six children, Raymond of Auburn, Frances, Carmen, Rosa and Kathy, all of Burbank, Ill., and Alfred Jr. of Stickney, Ill.; and 13 grandchildren.

Services were held March 19 in St. Fabian Church in Bridgeview, Ill. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery.

Blake-Lamb/Bevcar Funeral Home, 11201 S. Harlem Ave., Worth, Ill., was in charge of arrangements.

Vivian Van Auken

ANGOLA — Vivian Irene Van Auken, 80, died Tuesday, March 20, 2001, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Van Auken was employed as a cashier at Kroger Co. for 20 years.

She was born Feb. 27, 1921, in Pleasant Lake to Glen and Pauline (Frederick) Beatty.

She married Floyd Daym who died in 1965. She then married Carleton Van Auken in 1966 in Angola. He died in 1997.

Surviving her are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Laurie Day of South Bend; three brothers, Paul Beatty of Auburn, and Robert Beatty and Donald Beatty, both of Port Richey, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, with David Payne of the Hamilton Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Roy K. Juday**, 87, died Monday at home in rural Howe. Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Pretty Prairie United Methodist Church. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

CHURUBUSCO — **Russell Vincent Claymiller**, 69, died Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Wabash. Services are 2 p.m. Thursday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there from noon until services.

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Patricia Harriman

AUBURN — Patricia A. Harriman, 58, died today, March 22, 2001, at 1:40 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Harriman was the secretary-treasurer of Harriman Associates Inc. in Auburn for 12 years. She held a bachelor of arts degree from Tri-State University. She was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, Greenhurst Country Club and the Auburn Chamber of Commerce. She was a member of the board of directors of the Timmy Foundation. She lived on Greenhurst Court in Auburn.

Harriman

She was born Feb. 26, 1943, in Detroit, Mich., to Harry A. and Fern W. (Finkbeiner) Berlin. Her father survives in Fort Smith, Ark., and her mother preceded her in death.

She married Curtis L. Harriman on Feb. 28, 1964, in Detroit, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Kurt K. and Kristy Harriman of Auburn; one daughter, Kimberly A. Wyant of Auburn; one brother and sister-in-law, William C. and Betsy Berlin of Franklin, Mich.; one sister, Joan M. Harris of Alma, Ark.; and three grandchildren, Rachel and Abigail Harriman, and Rebecca Eby.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Auburn First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. William Kaster officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Timmy Foundation, P.O. Box 24286, Indianapolis IN 46224.

Floyd Diffendarfer

CHURUBUSCO — Floyd Diffendarfer, 88, of Churubusco, died at 8 a.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2001, at home.

Diffendarfer

He owned Floyd's Vehicle Sales and owned and operated Floyd's Auto Sales for 30 years. He was a member of Charter Oak Community Church and a former member of the Quarter Horse Association.

He was born Dec. 16, 1912, in Noble County to Isaac and Sarah (Claxton) Diffendarfer. On July 4, 1968, in Huntington he married Arrena Leitch, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rex and Jackie Diffendarfer of French Lick and Monte and Peggy Diffendarfer of Churubusco; two daughters and a son-in-law, Betty Zeedyk of Churubusco and Phyllis and Lee Lambert of Hollister, Fla.; two stepdaughters, Oneita Young and her husband, Dave Young, of Churubusco, and Valeria Hackman of Auburn; two stepbrothers, Jack Hill of LaOtto and Clark Hill of Baltimore, Md.; 15 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

A brother, Jesse Diffendarfer; a son-in-law, Calvin Zeedyk; a grandson, Randy Zeedyk; and a sister, Elaine Mangus, preceded him in death.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. George Cecil officating. Burial will be at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Friday and before services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice of Whitley County or Cornerstone Wesleyan Church.

Esther Haviland

ANGOLA — Esther M. Haviland, 93, of Angola, died Wednesday, March 21, 2001, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Haviland was a homemaker and a member of the Angola Church of the Nazarene.

She was born Oct. 3, 1907, in St. Joseph County, Mich., to Albert and Bessie (Blackamore) Mosser.

She married Homer Haviland in 1933 in Noble County. He died Jan. 11, 1963.

Surviving are four daughters, Virginia Griffin of California, Louie Keiner of Fremont, Inez Haviland of Angola, and Clara Rinehart of Kendallville; a stepdaughter, Helen Stayner of Angola; three sons, Homer Haviland Jr. of Angola, Emory Haviland of Albany, Ga., and Francis Haviland of Sylvester, Ga.; 31 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchidren; two stepgrandchildren; and two sisters, Ocie Dunkel of Mongo and Margaret Shope of Manitowish Waters, Wis.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, two brothers, three sons, Arthur, Willis Jay and William Lee Haviland, and two grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Randy Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is Friday from 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Evelyn Mays

MONTGOMERY, MICH. — Evelyn M. Mays, 70, died Tuesday, March 20, 2001, at her home in Montgomery, Mich. She was a homemaker.

She was born March 26, 1930, in Dearborn Heights, Mich., to Clarence and Naomi Bonifield.

On Jan. 3, 1947, in Inkster, Mich., she married Jack C. Mays, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis and Michael Dow of Dearborn Heights; two sons and daughters-in-law, Stephen J. and Victoria Mays of Edon, Ohio, and William C. and Shirley Mays of Belleville, Mich.; four grandchildren, Michael and Kim Dow and Roy and Ron Mays; two sisters, Helen Pinnergar of Westland, Mich., and Joan Janiga of Maui, Hawaii; and two brothers, Harold Bonifield of Inkster and Clarence Bonifield of McMillan, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother and a sister.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Dale A. Miller officiating.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in California Cemetery in California Township, Branch County, Mich.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Glova Spears

WHITE PIGEON, Mich. — Glova May Spears, 82, died at home in White Pigeon at 3:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2001.

She moved from Steuben County to LaGrange County in 1939. She retired in 1976 from the service department at Dometic Corp., LaGrange. the former Mongo resident was a member of South Milford Church of Christ and the LaGrange County AARP.

She was born Nov. 30, 1918, in Steuben County to Logan E. and Cinnie (Tritch) Parker. On June 29, 1939 in Salem Center she married John Wade Spears, who preceded her in death Sept. 23, 1988.

Two sisters and two brothers also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Bonnie Lung of Fort Wayne; a son, Jerry W. Spears of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Irene Gillespie of Angola, Dorothy Lockwood of Waterloo, Mary Lepley of Ashley and Ilah Notestine of Mongo; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Michael Booher officiating. Burial will be at East Springfield Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to South Milford Church of Christ, Willing Workers Senior Class or Sturgis Hospice, Sturgis, Mich.

Ruth Neuman

ANGOLA — Ruth I. Neuman, 82, of Lake James, died Tuesday, March 20, 2001, in Angola.

Mrs. Neuman was co-owner of Ace Sportsman Supply in Angola. She retired from General Electric in Fort Wayne in 1957 and from Robinaire, Angola, in 1999. She was a member of the Hoosier Hills Home Economic Club.

She was born Aug. 29, 1918, in Lynn Grove to Marion and Edna (Gilbert) Meeks.

On July 19, 1952, she married Ned Neuman. He preceded her in death on Aug. 24, 1977.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Dee Neuman of Angola; four brothers, Robert Meeks of Bluffton, Kenneth Meeks of Fort Wayne, John Meeks of Bluffton and Wayne Meeks of Bluffton; and two sisters, Evelyn Kolb of Bakersfield, Calif., and Betty Meeks of Bluffton.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Society and Parkview-LaGrange Hospice.

Paul Cross

ANGOLA — Paul E. Cross, 72, of Angola, died Tuesday, March 20, 2001, at his residence.

A member of Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Angola, he retired from International Harvester in Fort Wayne in 1983, after 25 years of service. He also owned the Pine Haven Motel in Fort Wayne.

He was born Aug. 7, 1928, in Huntington to Harry and Nova (Strouse) Cross.

On May 29, 1999, in Angola, he married Nancy L. Sutton, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Alan, of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Kimberly J. Schreve of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Barbara Pfundstein of Princeton, Ill., and Diana Darragh of Carmel; two brothers, Jack of Greencastle and James of Kendallville; three sisters, Betty Henderson of Warren, and Patricia Hedrick and Joyce Satterthwaite, both of Huntington; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, E. Jean Cross, on April 8, 1998; and a daughter, Judy Englert, in 1987.

Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society, Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes and Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

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Orville Colfax

KENDALLVILLE — Orville C. Colfax, 82, died Wednesday, March 21, 2001, at 10:35 a.m. at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

He lived in Kendallville over 40 years. He worked for Tom's Body Shop in Kendallville until retiring in 1984. After retiring he worked part-time at the Kendallville Transportation Garage. He was a 50-year member of American Legion Post 214, LaGrange. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II from 1942-1945.

He was born Aug. 19, 1918 at Pleasant Lake to William and Ruth (Marchant) Colfax.

Surviving are a sister, Jean Secrest of Fort Wayne; a brother, Billy Colfax of Fort Wayne; a nephew, Leon Feller of Angola; and a niece, Grace Beltz of Fort Wayne.

Graveside services are at 11 a.m. Monday at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville, with the Rev. Walter Graeftin of Bluffton officiating. LaGrange American Legion Post 214 will conduct military color guard graveside services.

There is no visitation.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

DUNEDIN, Fla. — **Mary Lucile Welty,** 88, died Sunday at Manor Care of Dunedin in Dunedin, Fla. Graveside services are 3 p.m. Saturday at East Springfield Cemetery, LaGrange. No visitation.

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ORANGE, Calif. — **Elizabeth Dorothy (Seaman) Kojesky,** 89, of Orange, Calif., died Tuesday at Placentia Hospital, Placentia, Calif. Services are 10 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, LaGrange. Calling is 2-4 p.m. Sunday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

CHURUBUSCO — **J. Lee Sage,** 84, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 3 p.m. Saturday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling two hours before services.

SYRACUSE — **Della F. Sloan,** 92, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Syracuse. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Eastlund Funeral Homes Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there an hour before services.

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Area Death

Gerald D. Bailey

LAGRANGE — Gerald D. Bailey, 67, LaGrange, died Thursday, March 22, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange. Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

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April Graves and infant

GARRETT — April D. Graves, 18, and her premature infant died during pregnancy complications at 6:16 p.m. Friday, March 23, 2001, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Graves graduated from DeKalb High School in 2000. She was a homemaker and had resided in Garrett for two years.

She was born May 12, 1982, in Fort Wayne.

On Jan. 3, 1999, she married Rickie Graves in Auburn. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are her mother and stepfather, Lydia and Ron Leon of Garrett; her father and stepmother, Rod and Alaura Parrish of Auburn; a daughter, Caileigh J. Graves of Garrett; two brothers, Eric Leon of Garrett and Dustin Streets of Auburn; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Chasity and Ron Isley of Garrett, and Heather and Paul Sparkman of Avilla; a father-in-law and mother-in-law, Poco and Kathy Ruiz; a sister-in-law, Amber Ruiz; and five grandparents, Martha Curcio of Butler, Larry and Vera Leon of Auburn, Reginald Parrish of Angola, and Peggy Herndon of Fort Wayne.

A grandfather, Frank Curcio, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Nazarene Church in Garrett, with the Rev. David Farley officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery, Butler

Calling is Monday from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to a trust fund for Caileigh Graves at DeKalb Financial Credit Union, Garrett.

Lucile Bohnstedt

COLUMBIA CITY — Lucile E. Bohnstedt, 91, died at 8:40 a.m. Saturday, March 24, 2001, in The Oaks, where she had been a resident since December 1999.

Mrs. Bohnstedt was a homemaker. She was a member of the First Church of God in Columbia City.

She was born on Oct. 22, 1909, in Richland Township, Whitley County, to Ernest and Erma (Goodrich) Brown. Her childhood was spent in Richland Township, and she graduated from the Larwill High School in 1928.

On July 4, 1928, she married Clinton M. "Skinny" Bohnstedt. They spent most of their married life in the Larwill area, moving to Columbia City after Mr. Bohnstedt retired in 1973.He died May 8, 1994.

Surviving are two sons and two daughters-in-law, Gene and Martha Ann Bohnstedt of Churubusco, and Richard and Carolyn Bohnstedt of Milford; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Betty and Phil Goodrich of Wolf Lake, Bonnie and Tom Michael of Erdenheim, Pa., Colleen Ward of Fort Wayne, and Carol and Dale Thomas of West Branch, Iowa; two brothers, Lewis Brown of Columbia City and Eldon Brown of Liberty; 23 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Gloria Bohnstedt; two great-grandchildren, Ty Ward and Emily Shimkus; a brother, Walter Brown; and a sister, Fay Keefer.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Hubert E. Miller and the Rev. Christian Thomas, Mrs. Bohnstedt's grandson, officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Larwill.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Whitley Home Health Care and Hospice.

Aileen Little

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Aileen M. Little, 85, died Saturday, March 24, 2001, at 5:55 a.m. in the Fountain Manor Care Center at Hicksville, where she had been a resident since Oct. 21, 1998.

Mrs. Little formerly lived at 413 Spencerville St., Hicksville. She had worked at the Mentzer 5 and 10 Store and Syncro, both in Hicksville, and at the Blakeslee Canning Factory in Blakeslee, Ohio.

She graduated from Harlan High School in Indiana with the class of 1933. She was a member of the Hicksville Gospel Tabernacle and the Oriental Mission Society.

She was born Sept. 13, 1915, at Antwerp, Ohio, to Guy and Ethel Seslar Boylan.

On Feb. 13, 1943, in Ossian, she married Frank Little. He died Feb. 18, 1969.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and B.J. Yoder of Hicksville; a son, Jim Little of Delaware, Ohio; six grandchildren and five great-granddaughters; two brothers, LaVon Boylan of Leesburg, Fla., and Lester Boylan of Auburn; and one sister, Ruth Nusbaum of Spencerville.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home at Hicksville. Pastor Bud Yoder and Pastor Thad Ford will officiate. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery of Allen County, Ind.

Calling is today from 3-5 p.m., Monday from 2-9 p.m. and Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Gideons International or the Fountain Manor Activity Department.

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Keith Mendenhall

KENDALLVILLE — Keith L. Mendenhall, 68, died at 12:40 a.m. Saturday, March 24, 2001, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center

He was born on Sept. 13, 1932, in Kendallville to Ernest L. and Grace S. (Hendricks) Mendenhall. On Feb. 12, 1956, he married Carolyn Amstutz in Kendallville. She preceded him in death on Sept. 6, 1989.

Mr. Mendenhall was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and retired in 1996 as a machine operator from Zollner Corp. in Fort Wayne, after 34 years of service. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War.

He was member and past commander of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville, Forty & Eight / V37, Fort Wayne, Moose Lodge 1301 in Kendallville and Eagles Lodge 2655 in Albion.

Surviving are two sons and daughter-in-laws, Mark and Rhonda Mendenhall and Matthew and Carrie Mendenhall, all of Kendallville; six daughters and five sons-in-law, Susan and Angelo Tse Tse, Rebecca and Larry Davis, Donna and Rex Allen and Maria and Jerry Rez all of Kendallville, Michelle and Leon Schrock of Wolcottville, and Paula Sibert of Rome City; 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a half brother and a son-in-law.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Richard Sherrick

KENDALLVILLE — Richard L. Sherrick, 72, of Kendallville, died at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, March 24, 2001, in his residence. He had been ill since December.

Mr. Sherrick was a police officer, retiring in 1986 from the Hunting Valley, Ohio, police department. Prior to that he had worked for the East Cleveland, Ohio, police department.

He was a Navy veteran, a member of the Avilla American Legion Post 240, and a member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

He was born July 24, 1928, in Garrett to Wayne and Eunice (Smith) Sherrick.

On Sept. 18, 1974, he married Bonnie Scribner in Willoughby, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert Sherrick of Akron, Ohio, Dan and Chris Sherrick of Canton, Ohio, David and Vicki Sherrick of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio, Jim Sherrick of East Lake, Ohio, and Rick Sherrick of New York City; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

There will be no local visitation or services. A memorial service will take place at a later date in Ohio.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Ann Howard

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth Ann Howard, 64, of Kendallville, died at 10 p.m. Thursday, March 22, 2001, at her residence.

Services are pending at Evarts Funeral Home in Evarts, Ky.

Local arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Ora Pepple

FORT WAYNE — Ora M. Pepple, 92, of Fort Wayne, died at 3:45 p.m. Friday, March 23, 2001, in University Park Nursing Center of Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Pepple was a homemaker and a member of Agape Church of the Brethren.

She was born on Jan. 8, 1909, in Edmon County, Kentucky to Samuel and Lucinda (Hagen) Gibson.

On Sept. 20, 1928, in Noble County she married Arlo E. Pepple. He died Jan. 31, 1977.

Surviving are three daughters, Esther Zern of Huntertown, Bertha Bitzer of Andrews, and Sandra Charvat of Spencerville; two sons, Albert Pepple of Fort Wayne and Roy Pepple of Sedalia, Colo.; 17 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Carol Joan Pepple; four sisters, four brothers, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Monday in Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Keith Simmons officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Huntertown.

Calling is today from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., and one hour before service Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Fort Wayne.

Gordon McCally

LONGWOOD, Fla. — Gordon N. McCally, 52, of Apopka, Fla., died Monday, March 19, 2001.

Memorial services will be at 5 p.m. April 2 at Sanlando United Methodist Church, 1890 West State Road 434, Longwood, with the Rev. Waren Langer officiating.

Memorial are to Sanlando United Methodist Church, 1939 Boothe Circle, Longwood, Fla. 32750, or to the Gordon McCally Children Trust Fund, Farmers State Bank, 220 N. Detroit St., LaGrange.

Baldwin Fairchild Funeral Home in Alamonte Springs, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.

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Betty Gray

AUBURN — Betty Jean Gray, 75, died Friday, March 23, 2001, at 2:20 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home at Auburn.

She was a secretary and a former employee of the American Association of Retired Persons, American United Life and Moore Business Forms of Angola.

Her memberships included the Order of the Amaranth at Indianapolis and Order of Eastern Star Chapter 78, Angola.

She was born Nov. 15, 1925, in Auburn to Harold and Ruth (Schlink) Taylor.

Surviving her a a son and daughter-in-law, John E. and Becky Gray of Snellsville, Ga.; two grandchildren, John T. Gray and Katherine J. Gray; and a great-grandson, Jordan T. Gray.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate. Interment will be in the mausoleum at Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Eastern Star Chapter 78 will conduct a service at 1:30 p.m.

Memorials are the the Lebanon Koala Association.

Martha Frey

ANGOLA — Martha L. Frey, 79, of Hudson, died Friday, March 23, 2001, in Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

She was a homemaker and member of the Steuben County Homemakers Club.

Mrs. Frey was born July 29, 1921, in Delphos, Ohio, to Harvey and Vera (Emerick) Hart. On May 4, 1946, she married Wayne D. Frey, and he survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Penny Simpson of Albuquerque, N.M.; three sons, Steve Frey, Mike Frey and Sam Frey, all of Angola; two sisters, Margaret Jasmer of Tacoma, Wash., and Betty Martin of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and one great-granchild.

A brother, William Hart, preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Calling is one hour before services.

Thomas Howell

LIGONIER — Thomas Howell, 42, of Cromwell died at 8:22 a.m. Saturday, March 24, 2001, in the emergency room at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw, where he was taken by ambulance after collapsing.

Survivors include his wife, his mother, and three sisters.

Services are pending at Ulry-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Emma I. Yoder** were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 24, 2001, at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home. The Rev. Dean Bearman officiated and burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Mike Lengacher, Richard Yoder, Loren Miller, Mark Royce, Brian Lehman and Doug Slabaugh.

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Dana Smith

WATERLOO — Dana S. Smith, 60, died Saturday, March 24, 2001, at 8:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and former employee of Magnavox in Auburn. She was recently a counselor with foster children. She was a member of Windfire Ministries in Garrett. She lived on County Road 28, Waterloo.

She was born Nov. 16, 1940, in Auburn to John and Wava (Schmidt) Brandon. Her mother survives in Angola and her father preceded her in death.

She married Dale A. Smith on Feb. 14, 1960, in the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Duane Smith of London, England, and Doug Smith of Fort Wayne; two foster daughters, Lisa Mauldin and Amy Bishop, both of Kendallville; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Larry and Peggy Brandon of Galveston, Ind., Tim and Lori Brandon of LaOtto, and John Brandon of Waterloo; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Nancy and Harry Fike of Angola, and Barbara and David Alt of South Bend; a sister-in-law, LuAnne Brandon of Corunna; three foster grandchildren, Tara Mauldin, and Cody and Zach Bishop; 12 nieces and nephews, and 10 grandnieces and grandnephews.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Calvary Chapel Worship Center, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Rodney Buzzard and Pastor Yvonne Brown will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to Calvary Chapel Worship Center or Windfire Ministries.

Evening Star, Thur., March 26, 2001 (cont'd)

Phyllis Wells

LIGONIER — Phyllis J. Wells, 71, died at 2:45 p.m. Friday, March 23, 2001, at home in Ligonier.

She was a homemaker and former Albion resident. She graduated from Albion High School in 1947.

She was born Aug. 31, 1929, in Kimmell to Lyman O. and Edna (Firestone) Johnson. On Oct. 14, 1961, in Butler, she married Harry Wells, who preceded her in death June 1, 1989.

A sister, Barbara Ellen Johnson, and a brother, Richard Johnson, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Cathy Wells of Gloucester, Mass.; two sisters, Roberta Fisher of Ligonier and Lucy Weeks of Albion; two brothers, Robert and Paul Johnson, both of Albion; two grandsons; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are 7 p.m. Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home, Albion. Cremation will follow. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, at a later date.

Calling is 3 p.m. until services Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to LaGrange Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Joseph Tullis Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Joseph H. Tullis Jr., 40, died Saturday, March 24, 2001, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Tullis had been a machinist for L&L Fittings for more than 16 years. He was an avid and experienced artist.

He was born June 18, 1960, in Lima, Ohio, to Joseph H. Tullis Sr. and Martha A. Tullis. They survive in Van Wert, Ohio.

Also surviving are his life partner of 18 years, Denny Baker of Fort Wayne; a brother, John Tullis of Rockford, Ohio; a sister, Kathy Shrider of Rockford, Ohio; Denny Baker's daughter, Heather Thorndyke of Topeka, and her two sons; four nieces and two nephews.

A memorial service will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, 6424 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Thursday from 6-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care and Hospice or the Tullis family.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Ray Edward (England) Warren,** 31, died Friday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Eastlund Funeral Home Mishler Chapel, Milford, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

GRANGER — **Richard J. Kelsey,** 51, died Saturday after an illness. Tribute services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Bubb Funeral Chapel North, 3910 N. Main St., Mishawaka, with calling there 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday.

CROMWELL — **Thomas Dudley Howell,** 42, died Saturday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Stone's Hill Community Church, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Tuesday.

GOSHEN — **Baby boy Yoder** was stillborn Saturday at Goshen General Hospital. Services are 2 p.m. today at the family residence, 62137 C.R. 33, Goshen.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Eva A. Mullendore,** 92, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Eberhard Lutheran Church, Columbia City. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and at the church Tuesday an hour before services.

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Deaths/Funerals

Cynthia Vaughn

HAMILTON — Cynthia Sue Vaughn, 44, died Sunday, March 25, 2001, in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Miss Vaughn was employed at Pittsford of Indiana from 1975 to 1998 and was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church. She lived in Hamilton.

She was born Oct. 10, 1956, in Fort Wayne to Ronald E. and Margaret (Griffith) Vaughn. Her mother survives in Sebring, Fla. Her father died in 1976.

Also surviving are one sister, Lori Vaughn of Sebring; one uncle, Hal Vaughn of Fremont; and two aunts, Laurene Kunkle of Hamilton and Becky Vaughn of Ellenton, Fla.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home at Hamilton, with the Rev. Eric Stoops of Hamilton United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is today from 3-8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department or American Cancer Society.

Evening Star, Tues., March 27, 2001 (cont'd)

Phillip Sanborn

ANGOLA — Phillip Joseph Sanborn, 75, of Angola and Summerfield, Fla., died Friday, March 23, 2001, in Summerfield.

Mr. Sanborn was the founder of Sanborn Appliance Store in Angola. He was a World War II Air Force veteran, He enjoyed golf, traveling with family and friends, and Notre Dame football.

Sanborn

He was a member of the Fort Wayne Community Schools board and the Fort Wayne Public Library board. He was appointed to the Housing Authority for Steuben County and was chairman of the Steuben County Democratic Party for many years. Ordained a deacon in the Catholic Church in 1983, he was an active member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Angola, the Knights of Columbus and the Angola Area Chamber of Commerce. He was past president of the Angola Rotary Club, a member of the Fraternal Order of Elks in Angola and a member of the Jolly Dozen Club.

He was born Feb. 15, 1926, in Coldwater, Mich., to Dr. Edmund Patrick and Easthom Sanborn.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn (Curdes) Sanborn of Angola and Summerfield; three daughters, Anita Sanborn Thomson of Denver, Nancy Sanborn Shoup of Angola, and Katy Sanborn Smith of Angola; five sons, P.E. "Sandy" Sanborn, James Sanborn, Mark Sanborn and David Sanborn, all of Angola, and Thomas Sanborn of Auburn; 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and a sister, Shirley Sanborn Bender of LaVerne, Calif.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Sanborn.

Services were held today in Florida. Memorial services are pending in Angola.

Memorials are to St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola, the St. Theresa Catholic Church of Belleview, Fla., the Alzheimer's Association North Central Florida chapter, and the Alzheimer's Association Central Indiana chapter.

Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Mary 'Peg' Schall

ANGOLA — Mary "Peg" M. Schall, 70, of Angola, died Saturday, March 24, 2001, at her home.

Mrs. Schall retired as a registered nurse at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, in 1988, and from Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola in 1994. She was a graduate of the Indiana University School of Nursing in Indianapolis and a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola.

She was born March 30, 1930, in Anderson to Charles and Frances (Rankel) McArdle.

On Jan. 28, 1956, she married Paul Schall, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Anthony Schall of Fort Wayne, and Charles Schall of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; a daughter, Patricia DeLucenay of Angola; six grandchildren; and a sister, Patricia Fry.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating.

Calling is Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the St. Anthony Catholic Church Building Fund and Four County Transitional Living.

Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Lindsey Kooistra

AUBURN — Lindsey Nicole Kooistra, 1 month, died Monday, March 26, 2001, at 12:05 a.m. in her Auburn home.

She was born Feb. 22, 2001, in Fort Wayne to Mike and Michelle (Prihoda) Kooistra. They survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are a brother, Tylor Kooistra, and a sister, Brook Kooistra, both at home; her grandparents, Mike and Nelvina Kooistra of DeMott, Debbie and Randy Stogsdill of Greeley, Colo., and Stephen and Jessica Prihoda of Palacios, Texas; her great-grandparents, Nel Beezhold of South Holland, Sam Kooistra of Highland, Betty and Les Willett of New Carlisle, and Janet and Harold Stogsdill of Boulder, Colo.; and several aunts and uncles.

Services will be held Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in Dayspring Community Church, Auburn, with calling after 11:30 a.m. The Rev. William Lyne will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Ray Edward (England) Warren,** 31, died Saturday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Eastlund Funeral Home Mishler Chapel, Milford, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

John Wilks

FORT WAYNE — John R. Wilks, 57, executive director of NATMUS in Auburn, died unexpectedly Tuesday.

Wilks

Wilks came to the National Automotive and Truck Museum of the United States in May 2000 after a 30-year career as an attorney in Fort Wayne. He was a past president of the Fort Wayne-Allen County Historical Society and Fort Wayne Zoological Society.

Services are pending at Klaehn, Fahl and Melton Funeral Home, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne.

A complete obituary is expected for Thursday's edition.

Kenneth Teegardin

HAMILTON — Kenneth Teegardin, 88, died Monday, March 26, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Teegardin retired from Warner Gear in Auburn in 1972. He was a lifelong resident of Hamilton. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving as a Tec-5 from October 1942 through November 1945. He was a member of the Charles Foster Blaker American Legion Post 202 in Butler.

He was born Oct. 20, 1912, in Hamilton to Eugene and Carrie (Beebe) Teegardin.

He married Hazel Gilbert on July 26, 1941, in Auburn. She died Feb. 1, 1996.

Surviving him are one son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Kathlyn Teegardin of Churubusco; a daughter and son-in-law, Jackie and Steve Friend of Hamilton; three sisters, Luella Koogle of Green Valley, Ariz., Maxine White of Fremont, and Beverly Hagerty of Hamilton; a sister-in-law, Opal Branlund; six granddaughters, one great-grandson and one great-granddaughter.

Three brothers, Lowell, Bob and George Wayne, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton. Burial will be in Teegardin Cemetery, Hamilton, with military honors performed by Butler American Legion Post 202.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Patricia Wolf

KIMMELL — Patricia R. Wolf, 64, died at 9:50 a.m. Tuesday, March 27, 2001, at Kingston Health Care Center of Ligonier.

The Olen High School graduate was a Kimmell resident. She retired as office manager of the Albion License Branch. She was active in Noble County politics, serving as vice chairwoman of the Noble County Republican Central Committee. She was district secretary of ARBA and a member of the Noble County Rabbit Club and Sparta United Church of Christ. She received two Sagamore of the Wabash awards, one from Gov. Robert Orr and one from Gov. Otis Bowen.

She was born Nov. 3, 1936, in Otsego Township near Hamilton to Vernon Wilbur Clark Sr. and Lena Ethel (McConnell) Clark.

Surviving are a daughter, Charisse Wolf of Ligonier; a son, Sheldon Wolf of Montana; two brothers, Jack Clark of Spring Hope, N.C., and Robert Clark of Hudson; three sisters, Josephine Brock of Pleasant Lake, Inez Boffey of Seattle, Wash., and Bonnie Pierce of Fremont; a grandson, Dirk Wolf of Ligonier; her ex-husband, Harold Wolf of Kimmell; and several nieces and nephews.

A brother, Vernon Clark, and a sister, Louise Clark, preceded her in death.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sparta United Church of Christ with the Rev. Lynn Bartling officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery.

Calling is from 3-8 p.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, and Saturday at the church from 10 a.m. until services.

Memorials are to the church, the Alzheimer's Association or the family.

Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

SYRACUSE — **Martha Helen Shewmon,** 90, died Monday at Goshen General Hospital. Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there two hours before services.

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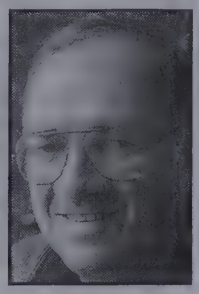
Deaths/Funerals

John Wilks

FORT WAYNE — John R. Wilks, 57, died Tuesday, March 27, 2001, at 2:23 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital.


Wilks

Mr. Wilks was the executive director of the National Automotive and Truck Museum of the United States in Auburn. Since 1999, he had been an adjunct instructor at the University of Saint Francis and Indiana Institute of Technology, both in Fort Wayne, where he taught composition, argument and persuasion, and report writing in the English department.

He had been an attorney in private practice since 1968, and formerly was in practice with Wilks & Kimbrough Attorneys, and with Bonahoom, Chapman and McNellis.

He was a United States attorney for the Northern District of Indiana from 1973 to 1976, and an assistant U.S. attorney in the district from 1970 to 1973. He was the youngest U.S. attorney appointed. He was the deputy prosecuting attorney in Allen County from 1969 to 1970.

He lived in Fort Wayne and was a graduate of South Side High School. He received his law degree from Indiana University School of Law in Bloomington in 1968, and earned a degree in English in 1965 from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

He was a member of Phi Alpha Delta, Theta Chi Fraternity, Fort Wayne Zoological Society and Fox Island Alliance. He was a former member of the Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society and Multiple Sclerosis Society, Northern Indiana Chapter.

He was born July 21, 1943, in Fort Wayne to Lee and Mildred (Roberts) Wilks.

He married Jane Reiff, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Patrick Lee Wilks of Livonia, Mich., and Andrew Thomas Wilks of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Katherine Houston of Fort Wayne; and one brother, William Lee Wilks of Houston, Texas.

One sister, Judith Ann Wilks, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:27 a.m. in the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Ave., Fort Wayne. The Rev. Kris McPherson will officiate.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home's Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St.

Memorials are to NATMUS or the Fort Wayne Zoological Society.

Kathleen Baker

AUBURN — Kathleen Considine Baker, 79, died Wednesday, March 28, 2001, at 8:45 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Baker

Mrs. Baker was a former business associate of Probst Enterprises, working in Fort Wayne and California. She also worked in the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., during World War II. She graduated from A&M University in Las Cruces, N.M.

She lived on Roger Drive in Auburn and was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Greenhurst Country Club, both in Auburn.

She was born July 1, 1921, in Las Cruces, N.M., to Joseph and Mary (McDonnell) Considine.

She married Lanning C. Baker on July 13, 1946, in Indianapolis, and he survives.

Also surviving her are one son and daughter-in-law, Bernard and Elizabeth Baker of Omaha, Neb.; one daughter and son-in-law, Lanna and Richard Lee of Churubusco; two sisters, Guen Staff of Santa Rosa, Calif., and Eileen Rundle of Sacramento, Calif.; and four grandchildren, Christine and John Baker and Kelly and Aaron Lee.

One brother, Stephen Considine, and two sisters, Mona Galanba and Anne Harper, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father Chuck Herman officiating.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital or the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

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Mary Hoffman

ANGOLA — Mary J. Hoffman, 70, of Angola, died Tuesday, March 27, 2001, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hoffman worked at the W.R. Thomas Store for 20 years, retiring in 1987. She was a member of Alanon.

She was born Feb. 15, 1931, in Dunkirk to Henry and Bertha Mae (Zigler) Barr.

In July 1947, she married Warren E. Hoffman. He preceded her in death on Aug. 11, 1980.

Surviving are three sons, Robert D. Hoffman of Rochester Hills, Mich., Gregory A. Hoffman of Fort Wayne, and Danny E. Hoffman of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Mary Jo Nagle of Angola; a sister, Phyllis McCollough of Decatur; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Hank Barr; two sisters, Sandra Cantrell and Maggie Barr; and a son, Warren David Hoffman in 1991.

Services will be held Friday at noon at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Minister Bob Hoffman officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association and the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

M. June Holmes

CORUNNA — M. June Holmes, 79, died today, March 29, 2001, at 1:40 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Holmes formerly worked in the DeKalb Middle School cafeteria, retiring in 1978. She lived in Corunna and was a member of the Corunna Community Church.

She was born Feb. 14, 1922, in Helmer to Howard and Ava (Freed) Krum.

She married Harry Holmes on June 10, 1941, in Garrett. He died May 6, 1980.

Surviving her are two sons, Marty Holmes of Corunna and Neal Holmes of Kokomo; one daughter, Julia A. Grate of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Betty McKeever of Kendallville, Theda Neukom of Garrett and Roma Ludwig of Granger; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Elsie Ramer

GOSHEN — Elsie Leona Ramer, 78, died Tuesday, March 27, 2001, at 11:05 p.m. in Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Ramer was a homemaker and lived in Goshen. She was a member of the Yellow Creek Mennonite Church.

She was born April 4, 1922, in Elkhart County to Harvey and Grace (Culp) Stichter.

She married Walter W. Ramer on June 28, 1941, in Goshen. He died Dec. 11, 1989.

Surviving her are two daughters and one son-in-law, Janet Ramer of Goshen, and Doris and Dennis McBrier of Auburn; two sons, James Ramer and Michael Ramer, both of Goshen; one brother, Robert Stichter of Milford; one sister and brother-in-law, Gladys and Lloyd Leinbach of Goshen; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

One granddaughter, Sheena McBrier, preceded her in death on Feb. 13, 1995.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Yellow Creek Mennonite Church with Pastor Wes Bontreger officiating. Private family burial take place prior to the service in Yellow Creek Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, Goshen.

Memorials are to the Mennonite Central Committee.

Beverly Butz

FORT WAYNE — Beverly C. Butz, 77, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, March 28, 2001, at Select Specialty Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Butz worked for The Herald-Republican of Angola and Fort Wayne Newspapers, retiring in 1986. She was a member of the News-Sentinel Retirees and was a Red Cross volunteer with the Allen County chapter.

She was born Feb. 2, 1924, in Angola to Irwin and Viola (Bushong) Butz.

Surviving are two nieces, Linda Dane and Sharon Brumbaugh, both of Fort Wayne; and a nephew, Jim Butz of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, William and Lewis Butz; and a sister, Violet Smith.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Allen County Red Cross.

Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Gertrude Ramsby,** 83, died Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, LaGrange. Graveside services are 1 p.m. Friday at Salem Cemetery, Ind. 5 north of Ligonier.

MIDDLEBURY — **Polly W. Bontrager,** 62, died Wednesday at home in rural Middlebury. Services will be 9:30 a.m. Saturday at her home place across the street from her most recent residence of 0050S—1100W, Middlebury, with calling after 2 p.m. Thursday and all day Friday at her residence.

CROMWELL — **Linda K. Spurling,** 52, died Tuesday at Vencor Hospital — LaGrange. Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 5-7 p.m. today.

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Marion E. Ramsey

Columbia City — 1919-2001

Marion E. Ramsey, 81, of Columbia City, a member of American Legion Post 98, died Sunday, March 25, 2001, at home.

The Garrett native retired in 1981 from Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne as gear cutter after 35 years of service and was a baptized member of Grace Lutheran Church. He was a World War II Army veteran and recipient of American Defense Ribbon. Surviving are his wife, Vera L.; sons Roger L. of Columbia City and Steve of Caledonia, Mich.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters. Services are 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling from 2 to 8 p.m. today. Burial will be at South Park Annex Cemetery. Memorials are to Whitley County Home Health Care and Hospice.

Information provided by DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, 1-219-244-5122.

The Evening Star, Fri., March 30, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Everett Hatfield

ANGOLA — Everett E. Hatfield, 77, of Angola, died Thursday, March 29, 2001, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mr. Hatfield, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, was a salesman at several car dealerships. He attended Calvary Temple Pentecostal Church of God, Angola.

He was born Dec. 26, 1926, in Leggett, Ky., to Jessie and Arlena (Cecil) Hatfield.

On Sept. 7, 1946, he married Hazel (Lewis) Hatfield, who survives in Angola.

Also surviving are three sons, Ronald Hatfield of East Point, Mich., Brian Hatfield of Angola, and Kevin Hatfield of Huron, Mich.; six daughters, Patricia Jakob of Taylor, Mich., Jeanette Prosser of Angola, Maureen Jones of Centerville, Ohio, Arlena Leland of Angola, Debra Keller of Angola, and Karen Hatfield of Taylor, Mich.; 18 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by 14 brothers and sisters.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. James R. Hatfield officiating. Entombment will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Florence Trostel

BUTLER — Florence W. Trostel, 82, died Thursday, March 29, 2001, at 5:15 a.m. in Select Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Trostel had worked at Universal Tool & Stamping in Butler, retiring in 1983. She lived in Butler and was a member of the Butler Church of Christ.

She was born May 17, 1918, in Allen County to Harry L. and Edna (Zuber) Worden.

She married Dale W. Trostel on Oct. 30, 1937, in Hicksville, Ohio. He died Aug. 1, 1986.

Surviving her are one son, Jerry D. Trostel of Avilla; two brothers, Calvin Worden and Charles Worden, both of Hicksville; two sisters, Rose Hart of Harlan and Garnet McCoy of Defiance, Ohio; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Frank E. Weller of the Butler Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, Newville.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Church of Christ.

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Helen Keller

AUBURN — Helen M. Keller, 78, died Wednesday, March 28, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Keller was a homemaker and piano teacher for 50 years. She was a graduate of South Side High School in Fort Wayne and Olivet Nazarene University in Kankakee, Ill. She lived in Auburn and was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, where she played the organ for 40 years.

She was born Sept. 13, 1922, in Fort Wayne to Walter D. and Nora E. (Hellemn) Squires.

She married Ray D. Keller on Oct. 2, 1947. He died May 29, 1996.

Surviving her are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Tom Keller of Butler, and Dan and Deb Keller of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and David Rohrs of Auburn; one sister, Betty Hess of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren, Alison Souder, and Damon, Daishia and Danielle Keller.

Three brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. John Kinsey officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Saturday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the church.

Jay Snell

AVILLA — Jay M. Snell, 88, died at 3:31 a.m. Thursday, March 29, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a farmer and drove a bus for East Noble School Corp. for 30 years. He was a lifetime Noble County resident.

He was born March 20, 1913, in Green Township, Noble County, to Jacob M. and Utokie (Ragan) Snell. On July 7, 1932, he married Pauline Brindle, who preceded him in death in 1974. On Aug. 2, 1975, he married Mary E. (Gray) Turner, who survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are two sons, Donn H. Snell of Hicksville, Ohio, and Robert J. Snell of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Bruce J. Turner of Indianapolis; four sisters, Hazel Schaefer of Garrett, Stella Henning of Monroe, Mich., Edna Herendeen of Albion and Jessie Scheurich of Churubusco; two grandchildren, Kinloy Jay and Brent B. Snell; two stepgrandchildren, Marcus and Molly Turner; two great-grandchildren; four stepgreat-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Also preceding him in death were two brothers, Virgil and Herbert Snell.

Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with the Rev. Lois Watkins and the Rev. Ken Robinson officiating. Burial will be at Perry Township, Huntertown.

Calling is at the funeral home from 3-7 p.m. today and an hour before services Saturday.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Avilla.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **E. Joseph Parent,** 97, died Wednesday at home. Funeral Mass is 9:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, Columbia City. Calling is 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, and an hour before services at the church. A rosary is at 8:30 p.m. tonight at the funeral home.

Deaths/Funerals

Phyllis Lott

ANGOLA — Phyllis Meyer Lott, 73, of Angola, died Thursday, March 29, 2001, at 4:50 a.m. at Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

Mrs. Lott was a 1946 graduate of North Side High School, Fort Wayne, and attended training at Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago.

On Sept. 14, 1974, in Fort Wayne, she married the Rev. Carl R. Lott. He survives at home.

She and her husband served United Methodist Churches in the northeast Indiana communities of Atwood, Clemette, Helmer, Flint, Newville, Mount Pleasant, Andrews, Bippus, Orland and Nevada Mills.

She was a 52-year member of the First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, and a member of the Angola United Methodist Church. She was a member of Pi Omicron Sorority.

Mrs. Lott retired from Indiana & Michigan Power Co. in 1990. After retiring, she was president of the Joyce Elliot Circle of the Angola United Methodist Church and a district officer of the Fort Wayne District United Methodist Women. She also was a court-appointed special advocate for Steuben County and northeast Indiana.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Natasha H.S. Olds III of Fort Wayne; a sister, Barbara Meyer Brownell of Topeka, Kan.; a brother, James E. Meyer of Los Angeles; and two grandchildren, James H.S. Olds IV and Virginia Susan Olds.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Angola United Methodist Church with Dr. Norman Glassburn and the Rev. John Stephen Park officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling is Monday from 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, and one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to Angola United Methodist Church, Northeast Indiana CASA, First Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne Music Service and Covenant House, New York.

Donald Seavers

APOLLO BEACH, Fla. — Donald E. Seavers, 76, died Thursday, March 29, 2001, in Apollo Beach.

Mr. Seavers was a salesman, retiring in 1983, and had lived in Apollo Beach for 18 years. He was a member of the Catholic Church in Florida, the Elks Lodge and the American Legion.

He moved to Auburn from Muncie in 1938 when Warner Gear came to the city.

He was born June 13, 1924, in Muncie to Ina and Mel Seavers.

He married Bertha Widdows on Jan, 16, 1993, in Apollo Beach, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Jeff Seavers of Auburn; one daughter, Julie Cramer of Peoria, Ill.; one sister, Wanda Lockwood of Auburn; six grandchildren, three stepdaughters, 13 stepgrandchildren, and 10 stepgreat-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in Apollo Beach. Burial will be in Ruskin Cemetery in Ruskin, Fla.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Edmond L. Cramar**, 81, of Churubusco, died Wednesday, March 28, 2001, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne. Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco. Calling will be Sunday from 2-7 p.m. at the funeral home, with memorial services by Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM and the White Shrine of Jerusalem Faith 29 beginning at 5 p.m. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery, Noble County. Memorials are to the Churubusco Little League.

SOUTH BEND — **Kenneth R. Lindley**, 41, of South Bend and formerly of LaGrange and Kendallville, died Wednesday, March 28, 2001, at his home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Bend, with the Rev. Michael Mathews C.S.C. officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Welsheimer Funeral Home in South Bend, where a parish rosary will be recited at 5:30 p.m. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery, South Bend.

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Deaths & Funerals

Richard Wilder

ANGOLA — Richard Collins Wilder, 85, of Angola, died Saturday, March 31, 2001, at his home.

On Aug. 31, 1915, he was born to Harry E. and Alice (Collins) Wilder. He married Frances (King) Wilder on June 22, 1940, in Angola. She survives.

He was a U.S. Navy photographer in World War II, superintendent of postal operations at the Angola Post Office from 1960 to 1978, worked for 35 years as custodian of Angola City Building, and was a partner for 15 years of King-Wilder Sanxter Furniture Store in Angola.

Mr. Wilder was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola, a former member and past president of the Jaycees, a former member and past president of the Angola Rotary, a member of the Angola Masonic Lodge 236, Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne,former board member of McClue Reserve, Angola, a member of Acres, and past president of Tri-State Artists. He painted over 300 paintings since 1979.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: two sons, John Wilder of Angola, and Bill Wilder of Laguna Hills, Calif., two daughters, Martha Johnson of San Clemente, Calif., and Nancy Patterson of Indianapolis; a sister, Katherine Walter of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A brother, Leon Wilder, and a sister, Lorene Wilder, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 5, 2001, at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola with the Rev. Deborah Davis officiating. Burial is in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

No calling is scheduled.

Memorials are to the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Cameron Hospice or McClue Reserve.

Richard Vaughn

LAGRANGE — Richard E. Vaughn, 68, of rural LaGrange, died at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 31, 2001, at his residence.

Services are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Martha Delancy

ALBION — Martha Rose Delancy, 88, died at 11:25 a.m. Friday, March 30, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor LaGrange.

On March 9, 1913, in Noble County, she was born to Harley and Marvilla (Flynn) Kistler. On April 25, 1935, in Whitley County, she married LeRoy R. Delancy. He preceded her in death on Dec. 14, 1980.

She was a lifetime Albion area resident, a member of the Methodist Church of New Haven, Ladies Auxiliary of the Moose, an avid bowler and fisherman and retired from Essex Wire in Ligonier after 30 years of service.

Surviving are a brother, Ernest Kistler, of Olympia, Wash.; a sister-in-law, Cora Kistler of Worchester, N.Y.; seven nephews, Tomi Mullins, Berea, Ky., Terry Kistler, LaVerne, Calif., Ernest Kistler, Angleton, Texas, Richard Kistler, Olympia Wash., James Kistler, Fayetteville, N.C., Bobby Kistler, Lakewood, Wash., John Kistler, Shipshewana, and Gordon Kistler, Jacksonville, Fla.; and a niece, Debbie Baldwin, San Antonio, Texas.

A brother, Allen Kistler, and a twin sister, Ruth Kistler, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, April 2, 2001, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. Burial is in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is 6 to 8 p.m. today, at the funeral home.

Memorials to donor's choice.

Deaths/Funerals

Donas Seifert

GARRETT — Donas A. Seifert, 80, died Sunday, April 1, 2001, at 2:10 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home.

Seifert

Mrs. Seifert and her husband operated Seifert Paint and Wallpaper, which opened March 5, 1952. She was a lifetime Garrett resident before moving to Betz Nursing Home in 1997. She was a member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church in rural Auburn.

She was born Oct. 10, 1920, in Waterloo to William and Bessie (Crooks) Gafken.

She married Arnold E. Seifert on May 23, 1941, in Garrett. He died Nov. 27, 1981.

Surviving her is one brother, Gale Gafken of Auburn.

Two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Lakewood Park Baptist Church, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. Pastor Clare Jewell will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Itha Jensen

HIGHLANDS, N.C. — Itha E. Jensen, 102, died Feb. 2, 2001, in Highlands, N.C. She formerly lived in Fort Wayne.

She was born in 1898. Her husband, J.C. Jensen, preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one daughter, Margaret Jensen of North Carolina; and several nieces and nephews.

Two brothers preceded her in death.

A memorial mass will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Phillip Sanborn

ANGOLA — Memorial services for Phillip Joseph Sanborn, 75, of Angola and Summerfield, Fla., will be held Wednesday, April 11, at 5 p.m. in St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola.

Sanborn

Mr. Sanborn died Friday, March 23, 2001, in Summerfield.

He was the founder of Sanborn Appliance Store in Angola. He was a World War II Air Force veteran. He enjoyed golf, traveling with family and friends, and Notre Dame football.

Mr. Sanborn was a member of the Fort Wayne Community Schools board and the Fort Wayne Public Library board. He was appointed to the Housing Authority for Steuben County and was chairman of the Steuben County Democratic Party for many years.

Ordained a deacon in the Catholic Church in 1983, he was an active member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Angola, the Knights of Columbus and the Angola Area Chamber of Commerce. He was past president of the Angola Rotary Club, a member of the Fraternal Order of Elks in Angola and a member of the Jolly Dozen Club.

He was born Feb. 15, 1926, in Coldwater, Mich., to Dr. Edmund Patrick and Easthom Sanborn.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn (Curdes) Sanborn of Angola and Summerfield; three daughters, Anita Sanborn Thomson of Denver, Nancy Sanborn Shoup of Angola, and Katy Sanborn Smith of Angola; five sons, P.E. "Sandy" Sanborn, James Sanborn, Mark Sanborn and David Sanborn, all of Angola, and Thomas Sanborn of Auburn; 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and a sister, Shirley Sanborn Bender of LaVerne, Calif.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Sanborn.

Memorials are to St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola, the St. Theresa Catholic Church of Belleview, Fla., the Alzheimer's Association North Central Florida chapter, and the Alzheimer's Association Central Indiana chapter.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Wilder

ANGOLA — Richard Collins Wilder, 85, a lifelong resident of Angola, died Saturday, March 31, 2001, at his home.

Mr. Wilder was superintendent of postal operations at the Angola post office from 1960-78. He worked for 35 years as custodian of the Angola city building, and was a 15-year partner of King-Wilder Sanxter Furniture Store, Angola.

Mr. Wilder was a photographer with the U.S. Navy in World War II. He was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola, where he was a choir member, a deacon, Sunday school superintendent and Sunday school teacher since 1927; a former member and past president of the Jaycees; a former member and past president of the Angola Rotary; a member of the Angola Masonic Lodge No. 236; a member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne; a former board member of the McClue Nature Reserve, Angola; and a member of ACRES Land Trust Inc.

He was a past president of the Tri-State Artists and had created more than 300 painting since 1979.

He was born Aug. 31, 1915, in Angola to Harry E. and Alice (Collins) Wilder.

On June 22, 1940, he married Frances (King) Wilder, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, John Wilder of Angola, and Bill Wilder of Laguna Hills, Calif.; two daughters, Martha Johnsen of San Clemente, Calif., and Nancy Patterson of Indianapolis; a sister, Katherine Walter of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola, with the Rev. Deborah Davis officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Cameron Hospice, the McClue Nature Reserve or the donor's choice.

Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Thelma Deihl

AUBURN — Thelma M. Deihl, 84, died Sunday, April 1, 2001, at 5 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She owned the Whale of a Deihl Shop in Auburn, dealing in antiques. She also worked as a clerk in Haffner's 5 and 10 cent Store in Garrett until 1980, then worked as a clerk at Worker's World in Garrett. She had been a resident at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla since May 2000.

Mrs. Deihl was a member of the Business & Professional Women of Garrett, Roadside Garden Club, and First Church of Christ in Garrett.

She was born May 1, 1916, in Santa Clara, Calif., to Arthur J. and Estella I. (Blair) Steward.

She married Harry Glen Deihl on Nov. 23, 1935, in Huntington. He died April 17, 1982.

Surviving her are three daughters, Darla Gearhart, Dora Johnson and Deborah Thomas, all of Auburn; one son, David Deihl of Lewisville, Texas; one brother, Ray Steward of Charles City, Iowa; 11 grandchildren, one stepgrandchild, eight great-grandchildren, and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the First Church of Christ, Garrett, with calling there after 12:30 p.m. Lloyd Mealer will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Additional calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ or Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Lucille Airgood

AUBURN — Lucille M. Airgood, 90, died Sunday, April 1, 2001, at 6 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Airgood was born Dec. 10, 1910, in Wabash County, Ind., to Franklin and Aera (Wigner) Flora.

She married Chalmer Airgood in July 1947 in Washington, Ind., and he survives.

Also surviving are one stepdaughter, Judy Mullet of Wabash; one sister, Bernice Hall of Wabash; and two grandchildren.

Four sisters and three brothers preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Fall Cemetery, Wabash.

Calling is Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Claude Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Claude Smith, 78, died at 5:45 a.m. Sunday, April 1, 2001, at the home of his grandson, Brian Tussey, after a two-year illness.

The Kendallville resident had lived in the area since 1961, coming from Kentucky. He was a retired farmer and foundry worker. A veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II, he was a prisoner of war in Germany and received the Purple Heart and the POW medal. He was a former resident of Garrett.

He was born Feb. 1, 1923, in Magoffin County, Ky., to Ashford and Ilant (Bailey) Smith. On July 20, 1943, in Floyd County, Ky., he married Marjorie J. Hicks, who preceded him in death May 2, 1993.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ashford and Patricia Smith of LaGrange; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ilant Sue and Ivan Tussey of Kendallville and Mary Lou and Warren Fish of Greenfield; six grandchildren, Brian and Kevin Tussey, Brad and Brent Smith, Amanda Adkins and Matthew Fish; five great-grandchildren, Daniel, Katie and Sarah Tussey and Jacob and Joshua Fish; and three sisters, Luna Hicks of Kendallville, Marie Shepherd of Kimmell and Mary Vanderpool of Hippo, Ky.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Gene Suffridge and the Rev. Ondie Wireman officiating. Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, 109 E. Central Ave., LaGrange, IN 46761.

Noel Albright

BRONSON, Mich. — Noel E. Albright, 88, of Bronson, died Saturday, March 31, 2001, at Community Health Center of Branch County, Coldwater, Mich.

Mr. Albright was born Jan. 27, 1913.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Leonard Dean "Nook" Tully,** 84, died Sunday at Goshen General Hospital. Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

LAGRANGE — **Richard E. Vaughn,** 68, died Saturday at home. Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, LaGrange. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Fruriip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Deaths/Funerals

Linda Hale

ASHLEY — Linda Lee Hale, 55, of Ashley, died Sunday, April 1, 2001, at Reid Hospital in Richmond.

A homemaker, she was born Sept. 11, 1945, in Angola to Carl W. and and Annabel J. (Lowe) Pocock. Her mother survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, James A. Blakesley of Angola; two daughters, Jeanette M. Boszor of Peru, and Wanda K. Winwright of Coldwater, Mich.; two brothers, Russell E. Pocock of Chesterton, and Danny W. Pocock of Angola; three sisters, Diana Keller of Edon, Ohio, Connie Swegles of Angola, and Holly Stewart of Hudson; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services will be conducted Saturday at 3 p.m. in the Flint United Methodist Church, with the Rev. John D. Garrison officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the family. Arrangements are being made by Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Donald Betz

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Donald L. Betz, 50, died early on the morning of Monday, April 2, in his Hicksville home.

Mr. Betz worked at Regent Manufacturing Co. in Edgerton, Ohio. He attended Fairview High School and was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born March 12, 1951, in Hicksville to Alton O. and Bertha Frances (Post) Betz.

Surviving him are three daughters, Danyel Betz and Billy Jo Hooker, both of Hicksville, and Anjaleena Mills of Edon, Ohio; one stepsister, Sandy Perry of Auburn; one brother, Delmar Betz of Hicksville; two grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, and several step-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. The Rev. Robert Knapp, pastor of the Hicksville Nazarene Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, with military services conducted by the Hicksville Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

Calling is Wednesday after 1 p.m. and Thursday after 11 a.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Gerald Fought

TOPEKA — Gerald C. Fought, 85, of Topeka, died at 3:10 p.m. Monday, April 2, 2001, at the home of his son, where he had been living for a short time. He suffered a stroke 11 months before his death.

He was a lifetime resident of the Topeka area. He formerly owned the Milky Way Restaurant, Topeka, and was a butcher at Miller's Grocery Store, Topeka. He was a member of Topeka United Methodist Church and a charter member of the LaGrange Moose Lodge. He was a member of the Topeka Volunteer Fire Department, at one time serving as its assistant chief.

He was born Aug. 13, 1915, in Topeka to Iris and Florence (Yoder) Fought. On Dec. 10, 1938, in Angola he married Evelyn Wiler, who preceded him in death in 1982.

A son, Dennis "Tiny" Fought, and four brothers, Don, Kenneth, Wayne and James Fought, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Kathy Fought of Steinbarger Lake, Wawaka; another daughter-in-law, Charla Fought of Topeka; a brother, Leon Fought of Hermansville, Mich.; six sisters and five brothers-in-law, Irene Adair, Geraldine and Bill Gloor and Betty and Vernon Reidel, all of Topeka, Pauline and Earle Truex and Nancy and Don Saylor, all of New Paris, and Shirley and George Oswald of Shipshewana; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at Topeka United Methodist Church with Joann Kaiser officiating. Burial will be at Eden Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling is from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Homecare & Hospice of LaGrange or the Topeka Volunteer Fire Department.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Vern Miller

LAGRANGE — Vern A. Miller, 78, of LaGrange, died at 3:47 a.m. Monday, April 2, 2001, at Vencor Hospital — LaGrange.

He retired from Kirsch Co., Sturgis, Mich., in 1984. He was also a farmer. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II. He was a member of the LaGrange American Legion.

He was born April 28, 1922, in Noble County to Chester and Sadie (Wallace) Miller. On Aug. 31, 1957, in Angola he married Jennie Fair, who survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Albert V. and Karen Miller of Howe, Chester V. and Bobbie Miller of Loxahatchee, Fla., and Bradley R. and Karla Miller of LaGrange; a daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie S. and Merv Jones of Howe; a daughter and her companion, Connie L. Fair and Ed Saffen of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Mary Jane Witham of Elkhart, Shirley W. Tham of Goshen and Jeanette Lantz of Middlebury; three brothers, Howard Miller of Bastrop, Texas, George Witham of Wolcottville and William Wallace Miller of Florida; a sister-in-law, Edna Miller of North Adams, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Four brothers, Leroy, George, Ralph and Bobbie Miller, preceded him in death.

Services are at 3 p.m. Thursday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Harold Honewell officiating. Burial will be at East Springfield Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Mongo Fire Department or the American Lung Association.

James Silberg

TWIN FALLS, Idaho — James Silberg, 80, died Sunday, April 1, 2001, in a hospital in Twin Falls.

Mr. Silberg worked for ATT for 42 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Guam and the Philippines, and lived in Idaho after World War II. He lived in Twin Falls and Boise, and was a member of Grove City Lodge 33, F&AM in Blackfoot, Scottish Rite Bodies and the El Korah Shrine Temple. He was an avid bowler.

He was born Nov. 19, 1920, in Auburn to Russell and Rachel Silberg.

He married Betty J. Peterson on June 14, 1942, in Indiana, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Butch Nielson of Gooding, Idaho, and Jeanne and Ron Maxwell of Sequim, Wash.; one brother, Dave Silberg of Indianapolis; and three grandsons, Eric and Chad Nielson, and Ron Maxwell.

Private services will be held Wednesday at Summers Funeral Home, Boise Chapel, with calling from 10 a.m.-noon. Masonic rites will be given by Capital City Lodge 93. A private family graveside service will be held in Cloverdale Cemetery.

Memorials are to Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children, Fairfax Avenue and Virginia Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84103 or a charity of the donor's choice.

Basil Fansler

CLEAR LAKE — Basil Dallas Fansler, 74, of Clear Lake, died Saturday, March 31, 2001, at his winter home in Alva, Fla.

Mr. Fansler owned and operated Fansler's Plumbing for 41 years and was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran. His most recent initiative was a 30-acre wildlife habitat on his farm east of Fremont. He was a 53-year resident of Clear Lake.

He was born June 26, 1926, in Steuben County to Ermin and Edie (Sprow) Fansler.

On June 14, 1947, at Clear Lake Baptist Church, he married Beverly Guise (Gibbeny), who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Fred Jolly of Muncie; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dan and Terry Fansler of Monmouth, Ill., and Alan and Teri Fansler of Muskegon, Mich.; four grandchildren; a great-grandson; a brother, Clayton Fansler of Fremont; and a sister, Abby Jane Davis of Peyton, Colo.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Esther, and a brother, Bernard Fansler.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with calling there Friday from 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Hope Hospice of Fort Myers, Fla., or Parkview Hospice of Fort Wayne.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Rev. Harry H. Hashberger**, 92, died Sunday at home. Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

NEW CARLISLE — **Edith F. Sipe**, 86, died Sunday. Graveside services later at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion. No calling.

HOWE — **Carlysle D. Chiddister**, 66, died Sunday at LifeCare of LaGrange. Services 10 a.m. Thursday at All Saints Chapel, Howe Military Academy. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

The Evening Star, Thurs., April 5, 2001

Deaths/Funerals

Raymond Holiday

ANGOLA — Raymond J. Holiday, 81, of Angola, died Tuesday, April 3, 2001, at his home.

Mr. Holiday worked for the Steuben County Highway Department, retiring in August 2000. He was a member of the Flint United Methodist Church, where he was superintendent. He was sexton of the Flint Cemetery since 1963 and a graduate of Orland High School.

He was born Dec. 29, 1919, in Steuben County to Ray W. and Wava (Abbott) Holiday.

On May 10, 1941, he married Margeret (Goings) Holiday. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Roger Holiday of Auburn and Ronnie Ray Holiday of Angola; two daughters, Barbara Canon of Portage, and Becky Hill of Angola; two brothers, Richard Holiday of Angola and Roland Holiday of Hamilton; two sisters, Rachel Henderson and Leah Butz, both of Angola; 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, June Marie Holiday, and a sister, Helen Eyster.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Steven Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Flint United Methodist Church and Cameron Hospice.

Evening Star, Thurs., April 5, 2001 (cont'd)

Leo Smith

BRYAN, Ohio — Leo D. Smith, 85, died early on the morning of Wednesday, April 4, 2001, at his home.

Mr. Smith was a farmer for 60 years and a lifelong resident of Openlander Road in Defiance County, Ohio. He was a member of the Farmer United Methodist Church, Farmer School Board, Farmer Cemetery Board, and Farmer Central Local School Board.

He was born Nov. 23, 1915, in Farmer Township, Defiance County, to Ralph and Carrie (Husted) Smith.

He married Mary M. Burley on March 2, 1935, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Charles Smith, at home, Delmar and Scarlet Smith of Bryan, Ohio, Leon and Vicki Smith of Archbold, Ohio, and Ron and Donna Smith of Edgerton, Ohio; one sister, LaRue Desch of Defiance, Ohio; 16 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Two sons, Jim Smith and Tom Smith, and two grandchildren preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Farmer United Methodist Church, with calling after noon. The Rev. Sharon Twining, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Farmer Cemetery.

Additional calling is Friday after 1 p.m. and Saturday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times) at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio.

Memorials are to the Williams County Hospice Program or Farmer United Methodist Church.

Robert Deller

ASHLEY — Robert D. Deller, 79, died at 6:40 a.m. today, April 5, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

He lived most of his life in the Ashley-Hudson area. He was a retired truck driver who worked for Bolin Drive A-Way and Fruehauf Corp.

He was born June 4, 1921, in Fremont to George and Berniece (Walter) Deller. On Sept. 24, 1952, in Angola, he married June Wagoner, who preceded him in death May 21, 1991.

Two sisters, Patricia and Georgene, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Thomas J. and Karen Deller and Robert L. Deller, all of Ashley, Michael L. Deller of Angola and William D. Deller of Roanoke; five sisters, Betty Simpkins of Piketon, Ohio, Geraldine Nichols of Lorida, Fla., Katherine Randol of Rome City, Helen Gerst of Ligonier and Bonnie Newcomer of Kendallville; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be at Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Lawrence Herendeen,** 83, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at New Hope Baptist Church, Ind. 8 and County Road 500E, Kendallville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday and an hour before services Saturday.

LAGRANGE — **Fred G. Kimmerly Sr.,** 80, died Tuesday at home. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

MARKLE — **Joseph H. Waggoner,** 77, died Tuesday in Albion. Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Uniontown Church of Christ in rural Wells County. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian.

PAULDING, Ohio — **Robert Wayne Wirick,** 79, died Saturday at home in Palmer, Alaska. Memorial services are 1 p.m. Saturday at DenHerder Funeral Home, Paulding, with calling there an hour before services.

SYRACUSE — **George Edward Ketcham,** 71, died Tuesday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. Services are 1:30 p.m. Friday at Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

Deaths/Funerals

Charles Zimmerman

ORLAND — Charles J. Zimmerman, 71, of Orland and formerly of Redkey, died Monday, April 2, 2001, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Zimmerman was a Korean War veteran and member of Orland American Legion Post 423. He was a retired Indiana Toll Road employee.

He was born Nov. 5, 1929, in Jay County to Charles and Doris (Wilson) Zimmerman Jr.

On Oct. 2, 1972, he married Virginia F. (Dull) Zimmerman. She died Oct. 26, 1999.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathy Zimmerman of Greenwood; two sons, Michael Zimmerman of Farmington, N.M., and Garry Zimmerman of Fort Myers, Fla.; three grandchildren; two sisters, Peggy Hidy of Shelbyville, and Betty McKee of Springfield, Ohio; and two brothers, Max and John Zimmerman, both of Redkey.

He was preceded in death by a sister.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. A graveside committal service will be held Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at Green Park Cemetery, Portland.

Calling is Thursday after 9 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Paul Cross

ANGOLA — Paul E. Cross, 72, of Angola, died Tuesday, March 20, 2001, at his home.

Mr. Cross retired in 1983 after 25 years with International Harvester and was owner of the Pine Haven Motel, Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Angola.

He was born Aug. 7, 1928, in Huntington to Harry and Nova (Strouse) Cross.

On May 29, 1999, he married Nancy L. (Sutton) Cross, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Alan E. Cross of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Kimberly Schreve of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Barbara Pfundstein of Princeton, Ill., and Diane Darragh of Carmel; two brothers, Jack Cross of Greencastle, and James Cross of Kendallville; three sisters, Betty Henderson of Warren, Patricia Hedrick of Huntington, and Joyce Satterthwaite of Huntington; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, E. Jean Cross, on April 8, 1998, and a daughter, Judy Englert, in 1987.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Angola, with the Rev. Thomas Smith and Ray Bodie officiating.

Calling is Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society, Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes and Cameron Hospice.

Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Willard Kessler

FORT WAYNE — Willard B. Kessler, 74, died today, April 4, 2001, at 3:15 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Kessler worked in the maintenance department at Dana Corp. in Churubusco for 26 years, retiring in 1988. He was a World War II veteran of Army Airborne Division 503. He lived in Fort Wayne and was a member of the American Legion. He was a member and past president of the Machinists Union.

He was born Feb. 3, 1926, in Indianapolis to John and Mary Atlanta Kessler.

He married Barbara June Shull on Sept. 21, 1946, in Waterloo. She died Nov. 13, 1998.

Surviving him are two sons, Steven W. Kessler of Spencerville and Jerry L. Kessler of Auburn; one daughter, Nancy A. McAlpin of New Haven; one brother, Leon Kessler of Corunna; one sister, Joan Hall of Buena Park, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

His stepmother, Leona Kessler, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Phil Reynolds officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Carlton Milleman

KENDALLVILLE — Carlton D. Milleman, 76, of Kendallville, died Tuesday, April 3, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart, Avilla.

Mr. Milleman worked for Whiting Transportation for 20 years and was a member of the Teamsters union.

He was born May 28, 1924, in Angola to William and Anah (Walsh) Milleman.

Surviving are two sons, Alan Milleman of Kendallville and Mike Milleman of Burlington, Wash.; a daughter, Gloria Ostrowski of Leo; two brothers, Roger Milleman of Angola and Robert Milleman of Hudson; two sisters, Georgene Call and Charlene Wagner, both of Angola; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Flint Cemetery, Steuben County, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Robert E. Trowbridge Jr.**, 57, died Monday in an auto accident on State Road 9 near Howe. Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, LaGrange. Calling is 2-8 p.m. today at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with rosary services there at 7:30 p.m.

ROANOKE — **Charles Miller**, 67, died Monday at home. Services are 2 p.m. Thursday at Hart Funeral Home, Huntington, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and two hours before services Thursday.

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Deaths/Funerals

Maria Krupka

AUBURN — Maria Krupka, 79, died Thursday, April 5, at 7:50 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Krupka was a homemaker and a dietitian's assistant for DeKalb Memorial Hospital. She lived in Auburn.

She was born Feb. 13, 1922, in Poland. Her mother, Maria Michalic, preceded her in death.

She married Wasyl "Bill" Krupka in 1945. He died in April 1977.

Surviving her are one son and daughter-in-law, Raymond and Carmen Krupka of Auburn; six grandchildren, Lisa Timmerman, Rebecca Mullett, Elizabeth Kindler, Matthew Krupka, David Krupka and Sara DeWitt; and three great-grandchildren, Samantha Timmerman, and Preston and Gabriel Kindler.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness, Auburn.

Memorials are to the church.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Catherine O'Forrest

HENDERSON, Ky. — Catherine Mae Hensley O'Forrest, 72, died Thursday, April 5, 2001, at Methodist Hospital.

She was a member of Spottsville Baptist Church in Spottsville, Ky., the Women's Auxiliary of the Butler Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Butler Eagles Auxiliary. She lived in Henderson, Ky.

Surviving her are two daughters, Darlene R. Williams of Vincennes and Deborah Patterson of Henderson; one sister, Barbara Branson of Henderson; three brothers, Alec Hensley, Terry Hensley and Bruce Hensley, all of Henderson; 11 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Her husband, Jack M. O'Forrest, preceded her in death on Nov. 18, 2000.

Services will be held Monday at 7 p.m. in Rudy-Rowland Funeral Home in Henderson. The Rev. Donald Duncan will officiate.

Calling is Monday after 5 p.m. in the funeral home.

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Deaths/Funerals

Sharon Swert

GARRETT — Sharon N. Swert, 58, of Garrett, died Friday, April 6, 2001, at 7:06 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Swert was a homemaker. She had lived in Garrett for 29 years.

She was born Feb. 16, 1943, in South Charleston, W.V. to Michael and Kathryn Norris.

Surviving are her husband, Richard J. Swert; a son and daughter-in-law, Jacob and Rachel Swert of Churubusco; a granddaughter, Lisa Swert of Churubusco; a brother, Daniel Norris of Nebraska; two sisters, Lois Gulden of Chicago and Betty Queen of Edwards, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

Private family services will be held. There will be no calling.

Arrangements are being made by Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

William Beber

GARRETT — William E. Beber, 81, died Thursday, April 5, 2001, at 3 p.m. in Select Speciality Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a smokehouse worker at Eckrich Meats in Fort Wayne for 33 years, retiring in 1980. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and lived in Garrett. He was a member of Garrett American Legion Post 178, the Garrett Eagles Lodge and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

Mr. Beber was born April 5, 1920, in Garrett to Leroy C. and Bertha (Dreher) Beber.

He married Josephine E. Melkieski on Jan. 5, 1945, in Erie, Pa. She died in November 1979.

Surviving him are three daughters, Theresa Ort, Mary Margaret Bailey and Jodi Lung, all of Garrett; one son, William J. Beber of Paulding, Ohio; two brothers, Leroy Beber of Florida and Gene Beber of Sebring, Fla.; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

A brother, Charles, and a sister, Evelyn, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after 1 p.m. Military services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars are scheduled for 3:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Father Thom Lombardi will officiate. Burial will be at a later date in Garrett's Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church.

Evening Star, Sat., April 7, 2001 (cont'd)

Marjorie Aubrey

HAMILTON — Marjorie E. Aubrey, 82, died Friday, April 6, 2001, in her residence in Hamilton.

She was born in Fort Wayne on March 7, 1917, to Frank J. and Jessie A. (Herman) Aubrey. Both are deceased.

She was assistant to the president of Century Brewing Co. in Fort Wayne for 18 years, corporate secretary and general manager of Old Crown Brewing Co. in Fort Wayne for 14 years, and a former member of the board of directors of the Brewery Association of America. She also was associate director of business administration at the Fort Wayne YMCA for four years, retiring in 1981.

Ms. Aubrey was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola and a life-long member of the YMCA.

Surviving are one brother, Richard Aubrey of Hamilton; two nephews, Richard D. Aubrey of Illinois and Gary Aubrey of Woodburn; and two nieces, Judy Corell of Logansport and Christina Mulligan of Zionsville.

One brother, Frank H. Aubrey, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Anthony Catholic Church. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne. A committal service will be held at the cemetery chapel at 2 p.m.

Calling will be two hours prior to the service in the church.

Memorials to Hospice Home of Northeastern Indiana or St. Anthony Catholic Church.

Funeral arrangements were made by McComb, Dilgard & Cline in Auburn.

Sharlotte Hantz

ANGOLA — Sharlotte W. Hantz, 91, of Angola, died Thursday, April 5, 2001, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Hantz, a 1927 graduate of Bronson (Mich.) High School, retired after 36 years at the former Douglas Manufacturing plant, now Auto-Tech, in Bronson. She was an accomplished seamstress and enjoyed needlework, playing cards and dancing. She was a member of the Jolly Old Timers of Bronson and served as treasurer of the UAW Local 822 Retirees of Bronson.

She was born Jan. 20, 1910, in Bronson to Jay and Myrtye (Reynolds) Straehly.

On Feb. 17, 1940, she married Clinton F. Hantz in Angola. He died March 6, 2001.

Surviving are special friends Bob and Dulcine Petty of Angola, and Arland and Marjorie Fair of Bronson; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Lloyd and Clair Straehly.

Services will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Bronson Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the North Scott Christian Church.

Iona Brandon

AUBURN — Iona Brandon, 66, died Friday, April 6, 2001, at 9:25 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She lived in Auburn and worked in the maintenance department of DeKalb Memorial Hospital for 10 years, retiring in 1983.

She was born May 27, 1934, in Mannington, W.Va., the daughter of Glen C. and Evelyn H. (Dustin) Straight.

On Jan. 27, 1954, she married Richard O. Brandon in Garrett. He died Nov. 27, 1992.

Surviving are two sons, Richard O. Brandon Jr. of Angola and William Lynn "Bill" Brandon of Auburn; one daughter, Tammy Jo Holroyd of Auburn; two brothers, Glen Straight Jr. of Metz, W.Va. and Donnie Lee Straight of Fourstates, W.Va.; four sisters, Mary Jo Garrison of Rachel, W.Va., Wilma Jean Gibson of Garrett, Wanda Mae Iddings of Mannington, W.Va., and Shirley Ann Garrison of Tampa, Fla.; and four grandchildren, Andrew, Tyler, Christy and Richard Brandon III.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Debra and Sandra Brandon.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Northeastern Indiana Kidney Foundation

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — Donald W. Brown, 76, died Friday at the V.A. Northern Indiana Health Care, Fort Wayne. Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. Calling is Sunday from 2-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

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Robert DeLancey

ANGOLA — Robert L. DeLancey Sr., 68, died Friday, April 6, 2001, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a self-employed farmer and a lifetime resident of Angola. He was a member of the Angola Church of the Nazarene. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Mr. DeLancey was born Sept. 5, 1932, in Angola to Oakley and Blanche (Halsey) DeLancey. His mother survives in Angola and his father preceded him in death.

He married Vera D. Curtland on Oct. 2, 1950, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Bob and Deb DeLancey Jr., Tony and Andrea DeLancey, Chuck DeLancey, and Rocky and Holly DeLancey, all of Angola; six daughters and sons-in-law, Penny and Mike Place of Adrian, Mich., Robbie and Steve Groh of Orland, Pat and Steve Bireley of Angola, Sherry and Richard Keck of Orland, Tina and Rick Caudill of Angola, and Pam and Kevin Wolfe of Angola; one brother, Bill DeLancey of Angola; one sister, Connie Kuhn of Fremont; 31 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Phyllis Goudy, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Randy Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Lake Gage Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is today from 2-6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Angola Church of the Nazarene building fund.

Bernice Malcom

HUNTERTOWN — Bernice L. Malcolm, 85, of rural Huntertown, died Saturday, April 7, 2001, at her residence in Eel River Township.

Mrs. Malcolm was a member of St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne and its Rosary Society.

She was born Aug. 10, 1915, north of Churubusco to Edward and Elizabeth (Burns) Maloney. She moved to Perry Township in Allen County with her parents as a young girl.

On Aug. 26, 1933, she married Ralph S. Malcolm in Fort Wayne, and he preceded her in death on April 22, 1991. She lived all her married life on a family farm northwest of Huntertown.

Surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Richard and Ruth Malcolm of Butler, David Malcolm of Fort Wayne, Joe and Patti Malcolm of Huntertown and Kenneth and Jean and Raymond and Pat Malcolm, all of LaOtto; three daughters and sons-in-law, Mary E. and Jon Smith of Fort Wayne, Theresa and Kent Rivir of LaOtto and Barbara and Tim Richardson of Huntertown; three brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Ruth Maloney of Fort Wayne, Paul and Yvonne Maloney of Auburn and Ralph and Betty Maloney of Amarillo, Texas; a sister and brother-in-law, Jane and Walt Mertz of Fort Wayne; 27 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by a grandson, Joseph Phillip Malcolm; two daughters-in-law, Maraquita and Beverly Malcolm; two brothers, Gerald "Casey" and John "Jack" Maloney; and a sister, Helen Maloney.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, 8669 Auburn Rd., with Father John Kuzmich officiating. Calling will be Monday from 5-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco. A Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Monday and a Liturgical Wake held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the church cemetery. Memorials are to the church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Zachary Carteaux

KENDALLVILLE — Zachary Lawrence Carteaux was stillborn Friday, April 6, 2001, at 8:30 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. He was the son of David A. and Connie (Smith) Carteaux of Kendallville.

Also surviving are a half-sister, Mary Terry of Kendallville; a half-brother, Justin Terry of Kendallville; a stepsister, Rhonda Cole of Kendallville; a maternal grandmother, Bonnie J. Smith of Knott County, Ky.; and paternal grandparents, Russell and Nellie Carteaux of Avilla.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. There will be no calling.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Wilbur Shears

FORT WAYNE — Wilbur W. Shears, 74, died Thursday, April 5, 2001, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

He lived in Fort Wayne and retired in 1981 from Dana Corp. with 33 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of New Haven VFW Post 2457, Leo-Cedarville American Legion Post 409.

Mr. Shears was born in 1926 in Allen County.

Surviving him are his wife, B. Faye; two sons, Gene A. of Garrett and Jerry W. of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Kathy J. Greer of Leo-Cedarville; his stepmother, Omeda Shears of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a brother, Glen E. of Leo-Cedarville; a sister, Dolores M. Shaffer of Sarasota, Fla.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. with military honors at D. O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 409 building fund, Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice, or the charity of the donor's choice.

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Margherita Chapman

STURGIS, Mich. — Margherita E. "Aunt Margh" Chapman, 103, died Saturday, April 7, 2001, at 3:01 p.m. in Thurston Wood Village in Sturgis, Mich.

She was a teacher for a few years and then worked as a practical nurse for her entire life until retiring from Irene Byron Healthe Center in Fort Wayne. She had lived in Sturgis since 1995, moving there from Rome City.

She was a member of the Weston Street Bible Church in Rome City since 1906, where she was a Sunday School teacher and played piano.

Miss Chapman was born Sept. 28, 1897, in Rome City to Fred and Eudora (Nichols) Chapman.

Surviving her are one niece, JoAnn Chapman of Highland, Ind., and two nephews, Larry Chapman of Howe and John Chapman of Rome City.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, including Clarence Chapman; two sisters, and one nephew, Kerwin Chapman.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling after noon. The Rev. Don Lash will officiate. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

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Deaths/Funerals

Hannah Bailey

COLUMBIA CITY — Hannah Eileen Bailey, 2, died Saturday, April 7, 2001, at 9:04 p.m. at Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis, where she had been transferred from Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Jan. 9, 1999, to Sheldon and Marla Jo (Zumbrun) Bailey, who survive in Columbia City.

Also surviving her are one sister, Lauren E. Bailey of Columbia City; her twin brother, Drake E. Bailey of Columbia City; her grandparents, John and Miriam Zumbrun of Wolf Lake, and James and Aletha Bailey of Fort Wayne; and two great-grandmothers, Ruby Swinger of Smithboro, Ill., and Irene Bailey of Waterloo.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in the First Church of God, Columbia City, with Pastor George Reser and Penny Mosher officiating. Burial will be in Blue River Cemetery, Thorncreek Township, Whitley County, near Columbia City.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Memorials are to the Hannah E. Bailey Memorial Fund, in care of the funeral home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City IN 46725.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Evelyn L. Fehrmann,** 86, died Sunday at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home. Services will be at a later date. No calling. Arrangements are by Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2001

Deaths & Funerals

Richard Lewton

DECATUR — Richard D. Lewton, 88, died Monday, April 9, 2001, at 2:30 p.m. in Adams County Memorial Hospital.

He retired from United Telephone Co. in 1977 with 10 years of service. He was a former longtime Adams County office holder, serving as Adams County treasurer from 1948 to 1952 and Adams County clerk from 1956 to 1964. He had also been a Decatur barber and a self-employed electrician. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Lewton was born April 10, 1912, in Adams County to Amos J. and Anna (Mumma) Lewton.

He married Frieda M. Amstutz on April 12, 1922, and she died June 15, 1996.

Surviving him are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Carolyn and Bill Lehman of Ohio City, Ohio, Barbara A. Haynes of Auburn, and Mary Lou and Larry Brunner Sr., Kathy and Rex Strickler, and Geraldine and Gerald Sudduth, all of Decatur; one son, Richard C. Lewton of Topeka; a niece, Marjorie Keeler of Granger; 20 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Florence Funk, Mary Lewton and Mable Lewton, and two brothers, Clarence and Lewis Lewton.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in First United Methodist Church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Kenneth Mahan and the Rev. Jackie Foley will officiate. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 1-5 and 6-9 p.m. in Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur.

Memorials are to the church.

Mildred Nodine

GARRETT — Mildred L. Nodine, 86, died Monday, April 9, 2001, at 9:50 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home, Garrett.

She worked as a cook for 20 years at Sacred Heart and Garrett hospitals, retiring in 1977.

She was born Jan. 15, 1915, in Kendallville to Bernard J. and Adeline A. (Pankop) Streb.

Surviving her are four daughters, Kathleen Kurtz, Janet Bowers, Sandra M. Richmond, and Carolyn J. Zeider, all of Garrett; four sons, Robert, Richard and Kenneth Nodine, all of Garrett, and Eugene Nodine of Ashley; 36 grandchildren, 62 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Barbara Isham and Linda Lou Nodine; four sisters, Esther Wilson, Agnes Bonar, Mary Munk and Bernice Edwards; a grandson, Steve Zeider; and a great-granddaughter, Bryn Bowers.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. There is no calling.

Memorials are to Miller's Merry Manor Activity Department.

Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

BRIMFIELD — **Betty J. Huff,** 76, died Saturday in Noble County. Services are 1 p.m. Thursday at Orr Funeral Home, Albion, with calling there from 10 a.m. until services.

KENDALLVILLE — **Helen Catherine Fitzwater,** 86, died Monday at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., with calling there an hour before services.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2001

Hilda Daeger

ANTWERP, Ohio — Hilda Cecelia Daeger, 91, died Tuesday, April 10, 2001, at 9:55 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Daeger was a bookkeeper for 34 years at L. Smith & Son in Antwerp. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Antwerp, and its rosary and altar society, Four Seasons Widows Club, Country Social Club and 500 Club.

She was born March 24, 1910, in DeKalb County to Clarence and Mary (Wetoskey) Dunn.

She married Bernard Daeger on Nov. 28, 1942, in Auburn. He died Dec. 22, 1970.

Surviving her are two brothers, Loren Dunn and Albert Dunn, both of Waterloo, and one sister, Margaret McKeown of Crawfordsville.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Paul, Raymond and Victor Dunn, and one sister, Elma Brown.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in St. Mary's Catholic Church, with Father Herman Scherger and Deacon Robert Nighswander officiating. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Calling is today from 5-7 p.m. (Indiana time) in Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, with a Catholic vigil service at 7 p.m. (Indiana time.)

Memorials are to masses.

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Evening Star, Wed., April 11, 2001 (cont'd)

Dale Gafken

AUBURN — Dale A. Gafken, 77, died Tuesday, April 10, at 5:28 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gafken was a receiving inspector at Dana Corp. for 39 years, retiring in 1982. He was a local farmer for 35 years, and lived in Auburn.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving with the 12th Armored Division, where he achieved the rank of corporal technician. He was a member of the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars and a charter member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church, where he taught Sunday School for all ages for 31 years.

He was born May 21, 1923, in Auburn to Fredrick D. and Lanta (Dunn) Gafken.

He married June Smith on March 21, 1942, in rural Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Cheryl Gafken of Spencer; one daughter, Karen K. Gafken of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Wilma Snyder and Doris McSorley, both of Auburn; three granddaughters, Elizabeth, Rebecca and Victoria Gafken; a stepgranddaughter, Michelle Johnson; and a great-granddaughter, Kayla Roman.

One sister, Arlene Gafken, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Clare Jewell and the Rev. Russ Howard officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn, with military rites by the Auburn post of the American Legion.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Lizzie Ann Bontrager,** 59, died Tuesday at home. Services are 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Perry A. Bontrager residence, 5520W—100N, LaGrange. Calling is after 2 p.m. today and all day Thursday at her residence, 5185W—100N, LaGrange.

ALBION — **Max W. "Mike" Gray,** 83, died Monday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Big Lake Church of God, Columbia City. Calling is 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. Thursday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, and at the church an hour before services.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Alma A. Hostetler,** 77, died Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City. Services are 2 p.m. Friday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

CRAIGVILLE — **Albert Thomas,** 75, died Monday at Meadowvale Health & Rehabilitation Center, Bluffton. Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Thoma-Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, Bluffton, with calling there 2-8 p.m. today and an hour before services Thursday.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2001

Amelia Myers

AUBURN — Amelia V. Myers, 85, died Wednesday, April 11, 2001, at 6:50 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Myers was a beautician and owner of the Redwood Salon for 40 years, retiring in 1995. She also owned shops in Garrett and Fort Wayne. She lived in Auburn for 60 years and was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Auburn and the Auburn Moose Lodge.

She was born Aug. 17, 1915, in Georgetown, British Guiana, South America, to Emanuel and Balbina (Fernandez) Elliott.

She married Robert G. Myers on Oct. 19, 1943, in Port of Spain, Trinidad, and he survives.

Also surviving her are five sons and daughters-in-law, Aubrey G. and Julia Gouveia of Muncie, Gordon E. and Sherry Gouveia of Crown Point, Andrew M. and Joy Myers of Greenville, S.C., Robert G. Myers Jr. and Sharri Myers of Newport Beach, Calif., and Clifford E. and Terri Myers of Plymouth; one daughter, Joan C. Snider of Fort Myers, Fla.; 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Phyllis Elliott and Ezilda Santos, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Thomas Vanselow will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the church.

Evening Star, Thurs., April 12, 2001 (cont'd)

Robert Beverly

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Robert D. "Bob" Beverly, 73, died Tuesday, April 10, 2001, at 9:50 p.m. in Fountain Manor Care Center in Hicksville.

Mr. Beverly owned and operated Beverly Blacktop and Excavation in Hicksville for 35 years. He attended Hicksville High School and lived on East High Street. He had resided at Fountain Manor since Oct. 28, 1997.

He was a charter member of the Hicksville Eagles Lodge, a past president of the Hicksville Development Corp. and a former member of the Bryan Moose Lodge and International Brotherhood of Operation Engineers Local 18.

He was born Dec. 17, 1927, in DeKalb County to Howard and Mary Ethel (Lenherr) Beverly.

He married Beverly Winebrenner on Feb. 14, 1948, in Defiance, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Lora Yoder of Hicksville; three sons, Bob Jr., Danny and Ron, all of Hicksville; two sisters, Lelah Hoover of Pleasant Lake and Cheryl Hamilton of Hicksville; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Carl and Harold, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with the Rev. Tom Graves, pastor of Hicksville Trinity United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is today after 1 p.m. and Friday and Saturday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home. The Hicksville Eagles Lodge will conduct a service Friday at 6 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fountain Manor Activity Fund, Defiance County Hospice Program or Hicksville Trinity United Methodist Church.

Sheldon Johnson

GARRETT — Sheldon L. "Shelly" Johnson, 65, died Wednesday, April 11, 2001, at 8:50 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Johnson lived in Garrett all his life and was a member of the Garrett Eagles Lodge, Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph Catholic Church.

He was born Aug. 23, 1935, in Garrett to Florian P. and Margaret M. (Schivell) Johnson.

He is survived by two sisters, Carol Johnson of Garrett and Kathleen Roy of Urbana, Ohio; one aunt, Agnes Schivell of Garrett; three nephews and their wives, William Roy of Chicago, Mark and Judy Roy of Albion, and Robert and Vickie Roy of Garrett; and two great-nieces, Kellie Roy and Raya Booth, both of Garrett.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Monday from 4-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. A rosary service will be conducted Monday at 4:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School or masses.

Thelma Shultz

BUTLER — Thelma M. Shultz, 81, died Wednesday, April 11, at 9 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She had been a laborer for Magnavox.

She was born Dec. 16, 1919, in DeKalb County to Roy and Hazel (Routsong) Metcalf.

Surviving are two sons, Earl and Ronald, both of Butler; four grandchildren, eight great-great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Two sisters preceded her in death.

Services are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Barbara I. Leatherman,** 72, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Asbury United Methodist Church, 605 E. Main St., Albion. Calling is 2-8 p.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home, 110 E. Jefferson St., Albion, with Order of the Eastern Star memorial services there at 7 p.m. Friday.

MILFORD — **Lester D. Smith,** 71, died Wednesday at Lakeland Rehabilitation and Health Care Center, Milford. Graveside services are 11 a.m. Friday at Brown Cemetery, Millersburg. Calling is 5-8 p.m. today at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 201 S. Main St., Middlebury.

NORTH MANCHESTER — **Elizabeth Ellen Neer,** 102, died Wednesday at Peabody Healthcare Center, North Manchester. Graveside services at 4 p.m. Sunday at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, North Manchester. Memorial services are 5 p.m. Sunday at Peabody Chapel, North Manchester. No calling.

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Madeline Hall

KENDALLVILLE — Madeline M. Hall, 98, of Kendallville, died at 8:22 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, 2001, in Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Kendallville.

On Dec. 26, 1902, in New Haven, she was born to John and Mary (Wickelman) Jacquay. She married Sylvester Sorg, who preceded her in death in 1958. She then married Ward Hall, who preceded her in death in 1969.

She was retired as a civilian secretary with the U.S. Department of the Navy, and was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville.

Surviving are one son, George Sorg of Hudson; one daughter, Marion Gilpin of Aurora, Colo.; one brother, Walter Jacquay of Buchanan, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Three brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Huntington, with Father Gary Sigler officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville.

Thelma Shultz

BUTLER — Thelma M. Shultz, 81, died Wednesday, April 11, 2001, at 8:42 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She lived in Butler and had worked as a laborer at Magnavox.

She was born Dec. 16, 1919, in DeKalb County to Roy and Hazel (Routsong) Metcalf.

Surviving her are two sons, Earl Shultz and Ronald Shultz, both of Butler; four grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Butler Cemetery, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. There will be no calling.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

Two sisters preceded her in death.

Johana Kelley

SEATTLE — Johana O. Kelley, 61, a former Ashley resident, died Tuesday in her home in Seattle, Wash.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Gladys Freed

PLANT CITY, Fla. — Gladys S. Freed, 90, of Plant City, Fla., died recently in Plant City.

Born in Pierceton, Ind., on April 17, 1910, she later moved to Plant City.

She was a licensed practical nurse, and a member of the Eastern Star of Angola Chapter No. 78, and Hope Lutheran Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Wagner of Plant City, Fla., and Carol Roe of Rome City; three sons, James Berger of Fort Wayne, Jerry Berger of Churubusco, and Robert Berger of Great Falls, Mont.; four stepdaughters, Lois Nelson of Fremont, Ind., Phyllis Pendergrass of Anaheim, Calif., Joyce Raifsnider of Sturgis, Mich., and Jeanine Putman of Fort Wayne; 39 grandchildren; 90 great-grandchildren; and 52 great-great grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Clyde Moore

KENDALLVILLE — Clyde Moore, 69, of Kendallville, died at 6:50 p.m. Sunday, April 8, 2001, in Heritage Park Nursing Home, Fort Wayne. He had been ill since November.

Mr. Moore had been in the nursing home since December, and had lived in Kendallville for 50 years, coming from Kentucky.

On Sept. 18, 1931, in Kentucky, he was born to Lee and Ellen (Wicker) Moore. In 1955 in Kendallville, he married June Smith. She preceded him in death on Oct. 3, 2000.

He was a retired core maker for Curto Foundry in Ligonier.

Surviving are two daughters, Janet Thomas of Fort Wayne and Barbara Ann March of Kendallville; one son, Larry Moore of Kendallville; six sisters, Flossie Strange of Ohio, Ethel Kline of Albion, Sue Louder, Bertha Bryant and Pam Hovarter, all of Kendallville, and Joyce Bodiger of Ligonier; two brothers, Cledis Wallen of Kendallville, and Claude Wallen of Auburn; seven grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Services were held Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with Ellis Crum officiating. Burial was in Embrey Cemetery near Garrett.

Pallbearers were Larry Moore, Eric Moore, Jeremy March, Cledis Wallen, Claude Wallen and Bill Bryant.

Glenna Weilbaker

OTTERBEIN, Ind. — Glenna E. Weilbaker, 98, died Thursday, April 12, 2001, at St. Clair Nursing Home in Otterbein.

She was a homemaker and a former Ashley resident.

She was born March 9, 1903, in Allen County to Luther and Eluda (Applegate) Stiver.

She married J. Ray Weilbaker on Nov. 29, 1935. He died in 1974.

Survving her are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Marillyn Weilbaker of West Lafayette; a daughter-in-law, Anna Lee Weilbaker of Crown Point; six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jim Weilbaker, and two brothers, Harold and Wendell Stiver.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. (Indiana time) in Scipio Cemetery in rural Allen County. There will be no calling.

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Albertha Johnloz

FORT WAYNE — Albertha E. Johnloz, 94, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, April 11, 2001, at Regency Place, Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was the sample lady for Wayne Candies, retiring in 1966 after 29 years of service. She was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Surviving are three granddaughters, Renee Howard of Avilla, Michelle Wibel of Fort Wayne, and Sharon Hood of California; a daughter-in-law, Patricia Johnloz of Fort Wayne; and five great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Charles B. Johnloz Sr., a son, Charles Johnloz Jr., and a daughter, Jean Boitet-DiFilippo, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Redeemer Lutheran Church, 202 W. Rudisill Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46807, or Alzheimer's Association, 919 E. Jefferson Blvd., Suite 1, South Bend, IN 46617.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2001

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Donald Leland Jennings,** 90, died Thursday at Vencor Hospital — LaGrange. Services are 10:30 a.m. Monday at Lima Presbyterian Church. Calling is 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, and 9-10 a.m. Monday at the church.

CAMBRIA TOWNSHIP, Mich. — **Richard C. Chamberlain Sr.,** 76, died Thursday in Lenawee County, Mich. Services are 1 p.m. Tuesday at George White Funeral Home, Reading, Mich., with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday.

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Jean Henkenius

DECATUR — Jean M. Henkenius, 66, died Friday, April 13, 2001, at Adams County Memorial Hospital in Decatur.

She was born in Adams County and worked as a nurse with Dr. Norval Rich at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne for 19 years. She also worked as a nurse in Caylor-Nickel Center and Adams County Memorial Hospital.

Surviving are her husband, Charles "Hank" G. Henkenius; two daughters, Glenda Henkenius of Mesa, Ariz., and Pam Girod of Decatur; two sons, Leo P. and Brian M., both of Decatur; three sisters, Carole Lieberenz of Kendallville, Marty Kohne of Hoagland and Mary Baker of Decatur; three brothers, Dave and Mike Kable, both of Decatur, and Dan Kable of Monroe; and seven grandchildren.

A prayer service will be held Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, followed by a mass of christian burial at 10 a.m. in St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, Decatur. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Decatur.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home, with rosary service at 4:30 p.m. and a Moose memorial service at 7:45 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School or Bishop Luers girls softball.

Evening Star, Sun., April 15, 2001 (cont'd)

Mary Etta Shrock

TOPEKA — Mary Etta Shrock, 68, died Friday, April 13, 2001, at 2:45 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne. She had been ill with cancer since November.

Mrs. Shrock had worked at the Topeka Auction Restaurant, and later at Tiffany's Restaurant in Topeka. She was active in the Emma Mennonite Church food committee, taught Sunday school and sang in the Melody Six. She was a lifelong area resident, wintering since 1943 in Sarasota, Fla., and attending the Bayshore Church in Sarasota.

Shrock

She was born in Topeka on Nov. 7, 1932, to Harold and Violetta (Yoder) Mishler. Her father preceded her in death in 1977. Her mother survives in Topeka.

She married Mose Shrock Jr. on Nov. 3, 1956, in Emma Mennonite Church. He survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Lorene and Greg Schrock of Topeka; three sons and two daughters-in-law, LaMar and Lisa Shrock of Topeka, Leon and Michelle Shrock of Wolcottville, and LaVon Shrock of Topeka; one brother, Stanley Mishler of LaGrange; and two grandchildren, Andrea and Austin Shrock.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Emma Mennonite Church, with the Rev. Gene Hartman and Mrs. Shrock's son-in-law, Greg Schrock, officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. and Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society or the Emma Mennonite Church.

LaVon Breidenbaugh

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — LaVon B. Breidenbaugh, 86, died Saturday, April 14, 2001, at 2:40 a.m. in Harborside Health Care at Bryan, Ohio.

He owned and operated Breidenbaugh Tractor Sales in Hicksville and farmed all his life until his retirement.

Mr. Breidenbaugh was a member of Saint Michael Catholic Church in Hicksville, where he served on the parish council and was a Eucharistic minister and an usher.

He was born July 23, 1914, in Defiance County, Ohio, to Henry L. and Agnes Trembley Breidenbaugh.

He married Lillian Mary Arend on April 24, 1939, in Hicksville. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Sandra Redden of Harlan; three sons, Robert and Edward, both of Hicksville, and Paul of Ney, Ohio; eight grandchilden; seven great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Anna Rose Bradford of Indianapolis, Ruth Dailey of Angola and Marie Blankenship of Kalamazoo, Mich.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Bernadette Adiego and Paula Breidenbaugh, and one sister, Grace Moser.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at Saint Michael Catholic Church in Hicksville. The Rev. Thomas Oedy will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is Tuesday after 1 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m., and Wednesday after 7 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville (all Indiana times).

Memorials are to the Saint Michael Renovation Fund or a charity of the donor's choice.

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MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2001

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Mildred Tracy

BUTLER — Mildred "Milly" Kinney Tracy, 83, died Saturday, April 14, 2001, at 10:30 a.m. in her Butler home.

Tracy

She was a laborer at Universal Tool & Stamping Co. in Butler for 19 years, retiring in 1984. She was a member of the Butler Church of the Nazarene and loved birdwatching and flowers.

Mrs. Tracy was born Feb. 4, 1918, in Bird's Run, Ohio, to Frank D. and Dora (Franklin) Duhamell.

She married Clement Kinney in 1932 in West Virginia, and he died in 1984. She married Russell Tracy on Oct. 12, 1986, and he died in December 1995.

Surviving her are three sons, Robert Kinney of St. Lucie, Fla., Roger Kinney of Tennessee, and William Kinney of Butler; two daughters, Beverly Neumann of Hilliard, Ohio, and Dorothy Miner of Butler; one sister, Beatrice Klingler of Coshocton, Ohio; 13 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Marilyn K. Kinney; one grandson, William D. Miner; four brothers, Robert, Walter, Homer, and Ernest Duhamell; and three sisters, Marie Ostler, Lillian Hardesty and Elsie Marie Duhamell.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Paul Patton of the Butler Church of the Nazarene will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or American Heart Association.

Dorothy Sax

ANGOLA — Dorothy T. Sax, 87, a former Angola resident, died Sunday, April 15, 2001, at Holt Friendly Home, Holt, Mich.

She was born Jan. 2, 1914, in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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Olive Griffith

LIGONIER — Olive I. Griffith, 75, died at 12:13 p.m. Monday, April 16, 2001, in the emergency room of Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for the last three years.

The Fort Wayne resident formerly lived in Ligonier from 1962 to 1999, coming from Kentucky. Before moving to Fort Wayne, she had most recently lived in Auburn. She was a homemaker who enjoyed crocheting and was a baby sitter to many children in Ligonier.

She was born Aug. 26, 1925, in Knott County, Ky., to Robert and Fanny (Hale) Patton. On Oct. 7, 1942, in Prestonsberg, Ky., she married Kendall C. Griffith, who preceded her in death in 1980.

A daughter, Carmeline Griffith, a brother, Robert Patton Jr., and a sister, Audrey Noel, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Buford V. and Phyllis Griffith, James O. Griffith and Kenneth Griffith, all of Ligonier; two daughters and a son-in-law, Oma and Flem Messer of Ligonier and Wendy R. Griffith of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Ella Marie Wells of Columbus, Ohio, and Louise Armathee of Fort Worth, Texas; two half sisters, Marna Francis and Phyllis Handshoe, both of Hazard, Ky.; three half brothers, Norman Griffith of Maro, Ohio, Arnold Griffith of Wayland, Ky., and Michael Griffith of Auburn; 13 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by Karen E. and Misty Johnson, whom she thought of as daughters, both of Fort Wayne.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The family requests no flowers be sent.

Jay Norris

GARRETT — Jay W. Norris, 73, died Monday, April 16, 2001, at 2 p.m. in the VA Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Norris

He worked in maintenance for the Garrett Street Department for 33 years, retiring in 1990. He was a lifelong Garrett resident, and a member of the Garrett American Legion and Garrett United Methodist Church.

Mr. Norris was born Feb. 17, 1928, in Auburn to Orie A. and Nellie E. (Gump) Norris.

He married Jane A. Brown on Sept. 9, 1955, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving him is one son, William Norris of Garrett.

Services will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Richard A. Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the VA Hospital in Fort Wayne or St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

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Dorothy Sax

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Dorothy T. Sax, 87, of East Lansing, died Sunday, April 15, 2001, at Holt Friendly Home, Holt, Mich.

Ms. Sax was a beautician at Rainbow Beauty and Gifts in Angola for more than 40 years. She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola, and the National Cosmetologist Association, and a past member of the Business and Professional Women organization.

Sax

She was born Jan. 2, 1914, in Fort Wayne to Martin L. and Anna L. (Grenzenbach) Thullen.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diane and James Levande, of East Lansing; and other extended family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Thullen.

A funeral Mass will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is 6-8 p.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with a prayer service at 7:30.

Robert Metz

PLEASANT LAKE — Robert D. Metz, 72, of Pleasant Lake, died Monday, April 16, 2001, at his residence.

Metz

Mr. Metz worked at Dana Weatherhead in Angola, retiring in 1989. He was a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ, the Weatherhead Pioneer Club, Dana National Campout and Dana Weather Wonders.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born Feb. 26, 1929, in Grand Rapids, Mich.

On April 7, 1951, he married Donna Belle (Healey) Metz, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Ronald D. Metz of Coldwater, Mich.; two daughters, Charlene Sue Metz of Pleasant Lake, and Diane M. Moore of Angola; four grandchildren; and a cousin, Vivian Hulbert of Pleasant Lake.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Pleasant View Church of Christ, Angola, with Tim Seevers officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to Pleasant View Church of Christ and Cameron Hospice.

Area Deaths

ROME CITY — **Helen M. Douglas,** 80, died Monday at her residence. Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, and Thursday at the church an hour before services. Rosary services are 6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

HOWE — **Robert J. Hunsberger,** 62, died Sunday at Vencor Hospital — LaGrange. Memorial services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at LaGrange Church of the Nazarene. No calling.

CHURUBUSCO — **Mildred E. Leazier,** 95, died Sunday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne. Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Churubusco Church of the Nazarene. Calling is 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and Thursday at the church an hour before services.

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Eugene Kolb

NEY, Ohio — Eugene F. Kolb, 75, died Monday, April 16, 2001, at 8:05 p.m. at his home here.

He was a farmer and milk haule, retiring in 1998. He was a member of the Marysdale Catholic Church in Ney and the Ney American Legion. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Kolb was born Dec. 25, 1925, in Evansport, Ohio, to Leo and Mildren (Mangas) Kolb.

He married Jenny Wonderly on April 23, 1949, in St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Stan Oberlin of Bryan, Ohio, and Patty and Pat Gilfoil of Santee, Calif.; seven sons, Ron, Steve, Jim and Bob Kolb, all of Ney, Terry Kolb of Bryan, Lester Kolb of Sherwood, Ohio, and Tim Kolb of Kendallville; two sisters, Madonna Koenn of Cecil, Ohio, and Mary Lou Mandly of Ney; 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Lester, preceded him in death.

A funeral Mass will be held Friday at 9 a.m. (Indiana time) in Marysdale Catholic Church in Ney, with Father William Martin officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Memory Gardens in Defiance, Ohio, with military service by the Ney American Legion.

Calling is Thursday after 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. A prayer service will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Defiance County Hospice or the charity of the donor's choice.

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Gerald Seeley

VALPARAISO — Dr. Gerald R. "Jerry" Seeley, 60, of Valparaiso, died Monday, April 16, 2001.

Dr. Seeley was the dean of the College of Engineering at Valparaiso University. He received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and an master's degree in engineering mechanics from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He also held a master's and a doctorate in civil engineering from the University of Minnesota. He worked as a development engineer at Union Carbide Corp. and Honeywell, Inc. He came to Valparaiso University in 1983 as a professor of civil engineering. He was appointed dean of the College of Engineering in 1999.

Prior to coming to Valparaiso, he served in the same capacities at Tri-State University in Angola. In addition to his academic experiences, he briefly played professional baseball for the Detroit Tigers, was a licensed professional engineer, served as a consultant to a variety of companies, including Northern Laboratories of Valparaiso, and Beer, Gorski, and Graff Ltd. of Chicago.

Dr. Seeley's professional associations included the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Society for Engineering Education, from which he was awarded the Distinguished Service Award in 1997. He was the author of numerous engineering publications, chairman of the Valparaiso University Campus Planning and Space Allocation Committee, a member of Friends of Art at Valparaiso University, and a supporter of the Valparaiso University Theater. Dr. Seeley was an avid runner, cyclist and traveler

He was born Oct. 9, 1940, in Wausau, Wis. to Raymond and Dolores (Spatz) Seeley, who survive of Schofield, Wis.

Also surviving are his wife, Barbara; two sons, Marc Eric Seeley of Shanghai, China; and Kris Allen Seeley of Chicago.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel of the Resurrection on the campus of Valparaiso University, with the Rev. Joseph R. Cunningham and Rev. Dr. Alan F. Harre officiating.

Memorials may be made to the College of Engineering Initiative or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Arrangements are being made by Moeller Funeral Home, Valparaiso.

Marjorie Rink

AUBURN — Marjorie Ellen Rink, 88, died Tuesday, April 17, 2001, at 5 p.m. in Fairfield Medical Center in Lancaster, Ohio.

She was a homemaker and lived on County Road 29, Auburn. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn.

Mrs. Rink was born Sept. 22, 1922, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, to Herman and Esther (Lehman) Tritch.

She married Marion Rink, who survives.

Also surviving are one son, Gary Rink of San Francisco, Calif.; one daughter, Connie Middaugh of Sugar Grove, Ohio; and two grandchildren, Sarah and Justin Middaugh, both of Athens, Ohio.

One brother, Paul Tritch, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Edna Meyers

ANGOLA — Edna V. Meyers, 81, of Angola, died Tuesday, April 17, 2001, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Meyers, a homemaker, was a member of Angola United Methodist Church, the Victoria Lange Circle of the Church, the United Methodist Women, the Angola Garden Club, and she served in the nursery of the church for 37 years.

She was born Sept. 17, 1919, in Defiance County, Ohio, to Jesse B. and Daisy (Neiswander) Stevens.

On Feb. 14, 1943, she married Harold E. Meyers, who preceded her in death on Oct. 25, 1997.

Surviving are three sons, James B. Meyers of Angola, Robert J. Meyers of Tyler, Texas, and David H. Meyers of Angola; a sister, Ruth Stevens of Angola; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Charles, Maxwell, William and Lester Stevens.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Angola United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Cathy L. Hoffman,** 48, died Tuesday at home. Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

LAGRANGE — **Lizzie Ann Shrock,** 106, died Tuesday at home. Services are 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Tobie E. Miller residence, 200S—1255W, LaGrange. Calling is this evening and all day Thursday at the family residence, 300S—1175W, LaGrange.

WOLF LAKE — **Mable B. Young,** 86, died Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City. Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

NEY, Ohio — **Eugene F. Kolb,** 75, died Monday at home. Funeral mass is 9 a.m. Indiana time Friday at Marysdale Catholic Church, Ney. Calling is after 1 p.m. Indiana time Thursday at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with prayer services at 7 p.m. Indiana time.

Memorial service Saturday for Frances Doll

SPENCERVILLE — A memorial service for Frances E. Doll, a former columnist with The Evening Star, will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Spencerville. She died Dec. 28, 2000, in California at the age of 96.

A private family graveside service will follow the memorial service.

Memorials may be given to St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spencerville or Eckhart Public Library in Auburn.

Mrs. Doll was born August 3, 1904, in Grabill to Ezriah and Elizabeth Hursh.

She married George Doll on June 21, 1924, and he died in 1981.

Mrs. Doll worked as a buyer at Stillman's Department Store in Ft. Wayne for 25 years. In 1941, she moved to Spencerville with her family. She was active in community affairs, including the PTA and St. Peter's Lutheran Church. When she moved to Auburn in 1980, she continued her community service, volunteering with the Heimach Center, the Red Cross bloodmobile, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Creative Play School, Eckhart Public Library children's programs, and the Election Board. She received the Sagamore of the Wabash award from then-Gov. Evan Bayh.

Mrs. Doll is best remembered as a lifelong active member of the Democratic Party and for her column, "Spotlight on Seniors" in The Evening Star. She wrote her column from 1981 until her retirement in June 2000, at the age of 95, when she moved to Riverside to live with her daughter.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Ruthann and James Maxwell of Riverside, Calif.; a daughter-in-law, Nancy Fogle of Spencerville; two sisters, Helen Koch of Wisconsin and Kathryn Dean of North Carolina; eight grandchildren, Tonda Pence of Garrett, Davey Doll, Jr. of New Carlisle, Ronda Fogle and Sonda Doctor, both of St. Joe, Ann Link, Mary Peterson, and Lisa Van Meter, all of California, Jane Henke of South Bend and 15 great-grandchildren.

A son, Davey Doll, three sisters and two brothers preceded her in death.

Marjorie Rink

AUBURN — Marjorie Ellen Rink, 78, died Tuesday, April 17, 2001, at 5 p.m. in Fairfield Medical Center in Lancaster, Ohio.

She was a homemaker and lived on County Road 29, Auburn. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn.

Mrs. Rink was born Sept. 22, 1922, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, to Herman and Esther (Lehman) Tritch.

She married Marion Rink, who survives.

Also surviving are one son, Gary Rink of San Francisco, Calif.; one daughter, Connie Middaugh of Sugar Grove, Ohio; and two grandchildren, Sarah and Justin Middaugh, both of Athens, Ohio.

One brother, Paul Tritch, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Johana Kelley

SEATTLE, Wash. — Johana O. Kelley, 61, died at home in Seattle Monday, April 9, 2001.

She lived in Shoreline, Wash., the past 35 years, and formerly lived in Ashley. She was employed as a waitress-bartender for many years. She was a member of the Eagles and American Legion in Seattle.

She was born Aug. 29, 1939, in Seattle to Rolland and Grace (Waterer) Somers, who preceded her in death.

Also preceding her in death were her husband, Robert Kelley, in 1976; two sons, Terry and Gary Cox; two grandchildren, Robbie Joe and Anne Marie Evers; two brothers, Stan Kimberling and Charles Somers; a sister, Veronica Somers; and her stepmother, Betty Somers.

Surviving are four sons, Richard Kelley of Florida, Jim Kelley of Fort Wayne, and Lonnie Cox and Robert Kelley, both of Seattle; four daughters, Kim Allen of Minnesota, Mickie Downend of Fort Wayne, Jerri Evers of Hudson and Sheila Van Dyke of Seattle; four sisters, Winona Rush and Diane Everhart, both of Washington, Glenda Kimberling of New Jersey and Edith Ann Perdue of California; four brothers, Tony and Jerry Kimberling, both of Washington, Jim Kimberling of California and Mike Kimberling of Florida; her stepfather, John Everhart of Washington; 22 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Graveside services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Pleasant Lake Cemetery with the Rev. Ken Ludwig officiating.

Calling is at the cemetery an hour before services.

Arrangements are by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

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Norbert Johnson

ASHLEY — Norbert J. Johnson, 92, died today, April 19, 2001, at 2:35 a.m. in Wesley Park Apartments, Auburn.

He owned and operated Norm's Appliance and Radio in Ashley for 28 years, retiring in 1974. He also was a test driver for several years for the Auburn Automobile Company. He lived on South Wabash Street, Ashley.

Mr. Johnson was born Dec. 25, 1908, in McKeen, Ill., to Charles and Essie (Barnett) Johnson.

Surviving him are one son and daughter-in-law, Lynn and Ann Johnson of Pleasant Lake; one daughter and son-in-law, Norma and James Malcolm of Auburn; one stepdaughter, Beverly Smith of Albion; five grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one stepgreat-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen; one stepdaughter, Bonnie Geistwhite; one brother, Herbert; and one sister, Wanda Freeze.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. John Hostetter of the Waterloo United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is Friday from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

MERRIAM — **J.C. Hawk**, 83, died Tuesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne. Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Blue River Church of the Brethren. Calling is 2-8 p.m. Friday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and at the church Saturday an hour before services.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2001

Mable Nodine

BLUFFTON — Mable G. Nodine, 90, died Thursday, April 19, 2001, at 9:30 p.m. in Bluffton Regional Home Health Agency in Bluffton.

Nodine

She was a partner in Nodine Auto Parts in Waterloo for many years and a homemaker. She formerly lived in Waterloo and Hamilton, and was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Nodine was born Dec. 30, 1910, in Carroll County, Ind., to Charles and Violetta (Palmer) Goe.

She married Silas H. Nodine on Dec. 30, 1926, in Auburn, and he died May 27, 1986.

Surviving her are one son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Duane and Fritze Nodine of Bluffton; three daughters, Merriel and DeVon Myers of Waterloo, Patricia and Don Korff of Greenfield, and Sally and Thayer Bonecutter of Celina, Tenn.; one brother, Charles Goe of Auburn; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, two sisters and one granddaughter preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. John Hostetter and the Rev. Robert Heimach officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church or Bluffton Regional Home Health Agency.

Jason Heffley

AUBURN — Jason Devon Heffley, 22, died Thursday, April 19, 2001, at 11 p.m. in a motorcycle accident on Auburn Drive in Auburn.

He was employed at the Auburn Foundry and was a 1997 graduate of DeKalb High School. He lived on Auburn Drive.

Mr. Heffley was born Sept. 15, 1978, in Kendallville. His father and stepmother, Greg and Alisha Heffley, survive in Hudson and his mother, Connie (Middleton) Kessler, survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are one daughter, Zoe Heffley of Corunna; his fiancee, Miranda Winebrenner of Corunna; a brother, Nate Heffley of Auburn; a sister, Mandy Heffley of Wolcottville; two stepbrothers, Tyler Osborn and Jared Osborn, both of Hudson; a stepsister, April Osborn of Hudson; his grandparents, Gloria Middleton of Wolcottville, and Jerry and Clodine Heffley of Auburn; and two great-grandmothers, Maxine Heffley and Vera Webb, both of Auburn.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Pastor Ray Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Evening Star, Fri., April 20, 2001 (cont'd)

Richard Clifford

BUTLER — Richard L. Clifford, 56, died Thursday, April 19, 2001, at 9:30 p.m. in his Butler home.

He was a retired laborer at Air Way Manufacturing in Waterloo.

Mr. Clifford was born Feb. 11, 1945, in Hastings, Mich., to Wright and Arlene (Keeler) Clifford.

Surviving him are two sons, Nathan Clifford of Edgerton, Ohio, and Patrick Clifford of Auburn; one brother, Bruce Clifford of Hamilton; one sister, Janet Kittle of Bryan, Ohio; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 4 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with calling after 1 p.m. Burial will be in Old Mt. Hope Cemetery, Middleville, Mich.

Area Deaths

LEO-CEDARVILLE — **Naomi M. "Sally" Baker,** 75, died Thursday at The Cedars. Services are 11 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2001

George Lee

AUBURN — George M. Lee, 42, died at 2 a.m. Friday, April 20, 2001, in his home in Auburn.

Mr. Lee was a former cab driver in Amarillo, Texas.

He was born Dec. 10, 1958, in New York to George Lee and Evelyn (Gfeller) Claxton. His mother survives in North Liberty.

Also surviving are a son, Adam Lee at home; a brother, Robert E. Lee of Butler; two sisters, Linda Baird of Butler and Darline Mavis of St. Joe; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is from noon to 2 p.m. Monday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, to help defray funeral expenses.

James Kief

LIGONIER — James E. Kief, 71, of Ligonier, died at 4:15 p.m. Friday, April 20, 2001, in his home. He had been ill since last November.

Mr. Kief had lived in Ligonier for more than 50 years. He was an electrician at the Rockwood Corp. and served in the Navy during the Korean War. He was a member of the West Noble American Legion post.

He was born Jan. 18, 1930, in South Bend to Arthur and Hester (Beckner) Kief.

On June 27, 1964, he married Barbara (Staton) in Ligonier. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jon Kief of Columbia City, and Joe Johnson of Syracuse; a daughter, Kellie Kief of Ligonier; a brother, Darold Kief of Auburn; a sister, Betty Snider of Elkhart; and five grandchildren, J.J., Jeremy, Jordan, Jared and Jed.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Bernard.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. James Farrer officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, where graveside military services will be held.

Calling is Sunday from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Marjorie Cook

ANGOLA — Marjorie A. Cook, 82, of Angola, died at 2:20 a.m. Friday, April 20, 2001, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Cook owned Marge's Beauty Shop for 30 years. She was a member of the Angola Elks Ladies Auxiliary, Angola Moose Lodge and the Angola VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born May 10, 1918, in Rochester to Roy S. and Edith (Lolmaugh) Brubaker.

On May 28, 1940, she married Donald E. Cook in Columbia City. He preceded her in death on Dec. 30, 1998.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Kay Cook of Indianapolis; a brother, Kenneth E. Brubaker of Beufort, Calif.; a sister, Jean Cooley of Angola; two grandchildren, Lance Cook of Louisville, Ky., and Rhonda Cook of Indianapolis; and four great-grandchildren.

A brother, Roy D. Brubaker, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, May 13, in the Angola Elks Lodge.

Arrangements are by Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Breeden YMCA and Learning Center or to the donor's choice.

Evening Star, Sat., April 21, 2001 (cont'd)

Dale Coverstone

COLUMBIA CITY — Dale E. Coverstone, 80, a resident of Etna Troy Township, died at 3:35 p.m. Friday, April 20, 2001, in Whitley Memorial Hospital, Columbia City.

He was born Nov. 22, 1920, in Whitley County to Archie and Maggie Egolf Coverstone. His formative years were spent in Thorncreek Township, and he graduated with the class of 1939 from Columbia City High School.

On Nov. 20, 1941, he married Dorothy King. They made their home in Whitley County, residing in Smith Township, Thorncreek Township and Etna Troy Township.

Mr. Coverstone was a farmer for four years, then a carpenter's assistant before working as a meat cutter for Kroger's in Columbia City, Churubusco and Fort Wayne, and Maloley's in Fort Wayne and Huntington. Following his retirement, he worked at Builder's Mart in Warsaw for a few years.

He was a member of the Thorncreek Bethel Church of God and the Trappers Association.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; three daughters and three sons-in-law, Janice and Herman Smith of Columbia City, Joy and Larry Brouse of Auburn, and Rita and Dave Shinabery of St. Paris, Ohio; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Melvin Coverstone of Ossian, and Thad and LuAnn Coverstone of Columbia City; two sisters, Fay Walker of South Whitley, and Geraldine Coverstone of Columbia City; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Brian Smith, and two great-granddaughters, Miranda Dimmick and Bethany Lamboley.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Lannie Maloney officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Thorncreek Bethel Church of God.

Betty Hoffman

ALBION — Betty L. Hoffman, 71, a resident of Albion and a longtime resident of Noble County, was found dead in her home Thursday, April 19, 2001. She had been ill for the past week, but her death was unexpected.

Mrs. Hoffman was born Jan. 18, 1930, in Swan Township, Noble County, to Alfred Willis and Naomi Mae Rinkerberger Fulk. As a young girl, she moved with her parents to the Ari area, and she graduated from Huntertown High School in 1948.

On Jan. 15, 1953, she married George J. Hoffman. The couple spent most of their married life in Green Township in Noble County and lived for a period at Sylvan Lake near Rome City, where Mr. Hoffman died on Aug. 9, 1988. Following his death, she lived in Green Township until moving to Albion in 1993.

Mrs. Hoffman had been employed at several factories and later worked as a nurse's aide at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla for two years. She worked as an aide at the Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne for 16 years, retiring from there in 1985.

Surviving are two daughters and two sons-in-law, Sherri and Noel Gaff of Churubusco, and Cindy and Dave Fulk of Columbia City; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Randall Hoffman of Churubusco, Brian and Jodie Hoffman of Churubusco, and Jeffrey and Heather Hoffman of Spencerville; a brother, Richard Fulk of Avilla; a sister, Doris Householder of Albion; and 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Candice Hoffman, on July 2, 1971; a granddaughter, Cassie L. Simons; two sisters, LaVonne Monroe and Glenna Gaff; and seven brothers, Dale Fulk, Howard Fulk, James Fulk, Harold Fulk, Robert Fulk, Donald Fulk and Allen Fulk.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in the Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Jerry Lowery officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

William Bodley

ANGOLA — William M. Bodley, 89, of Angola and Lake Worth, Fla., died Tuesday, April 17, 2001, in Mariner Health Care of Boynton Beach, Fla.

Mr. Bodley was a owner of Bodley's Building Products for 15 years. He also was a carpenter, building local houses and working on the Elmhurst Hospital building and the Production Credit building. He also was a farmer and worked as a custodian for Angola schools.

He was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and an affiliate of the Grace Presbyterian Church in Lantana, Fla., where he wintered for 20 years. He graduated from Salem Center High School in 1929. He was a member and past president of the Angola Lions Club. He also played on an independent baseball team and coached little league baseball.

He was born Oct. 24, 1911, in Salem Township, Steuben County, to Isaac and Mabel (Amerman) Bodley.

On May 1, 1937, he married Phyllis Hughes Bodley. She survives in Angola and Lake Worth, Fla.

Also surviving are a daughter, Connie Schmidt of West Lafayette; a sister, Martha McClish Martin of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Paul, Julie and Tim Schmidt.

A sister, Katy Boyer, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Norman Glassburn officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is Sunday from 3-5 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Angola United Methodist Church.

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W.G. Ulmer

BRADENTON, Fla. — W.G. "Cub" Ulmer, 86, of Bradenton, died Sunday, April 8, 2001, at his home.

Mr. Ulmer was born in Steuben County and moved to Manatee County, Fla., from Angola in 1977. A salesman, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was past commander of the American Legion and a member of the Moose Lodge, both in Angola. He and his wife owned and operated Club's Sweet Shop in Angola for many years.

He is survived by two daughters, Joann Fross of Bradenton, and Sue Louiseau of San Francisco; a sister, Wilma Gilbert of Angola; and 19 grandchildren.

There are no services. Peace Cremation, Sarasota, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

NOBLESVILLE — **Eleanor Mae (Tritch) Waltz**, 73, died Thursday, April 19, 2001, in Riverview Hospital, Noblesville. Services are Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Christ Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Adrian Piazza officiating. Burial will be in Crownland Cemetery, Noblesville. Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, Noblesville, and from 10-10:30 a.m. in the church.

ALBION — **Gilbert Lester Cole**, 83, of Albion, died at 1:34 a.m. Friday, April 20, 2001, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services are Monday at 11 a.m. in Trinity United Methodist Church, 706 N. Orange St., Albion. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam, with military graveside rites by Albion American Legion Post 246. Calling is Monday from 2 to 7 p.m. in Orr Funeral Home in Albion, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday in the church.

KENDALLVILLE — **Betty J. Jackson**, 79, died at 1:50 Friday, April 20, 2001, in Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville. Services are Monday at 10 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in the Avilla Cemetery. Calling is Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2001

Deaths & Funerals

Faralee Carr

GARRETT — Faralee G. Carr, 78, of Garrett died at 1:30 a.m. Saturday, April 21, 2001, at her home.

Mrs. Carr was a homemaker and had resided in Garrett for 76 years.

She was born Feb. 18, 1923, in Waterloo to Ernest and Irene (Brown) Pearson. She married Virgil Wetoskey in 1941. Following his death, she married Henry Carr on Oct. 12, 1951, and he survives in Garrett.

Mrs. Carr was member of the First Church of Christ, Garrett TOPS Club and Tri County Skirts & Shirts Square Dance Club.

Surviving with her husband are three daughters and a son-in-law, Sally Moughler of Auburn, Janet Carr of Garrett, and Dianne and John Riggs of Butler; four step-brothers, Vernon and Allan Hullinger, both of Butler, Franklin Hullinger of Auburn and Eldon Hullinger of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, George Pearson, John Pearson and Richard Joe Pearson; four sisters, Mary Pearson, Jo An Pearson, Ellen Adel Pearson and Margaret Freeze; a step-brother, Pete Hullinger; and a son-in-law, David Moughler.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the First Church of Christ with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, and one hour before services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to First Church of Christ or Parkview Hospice.

Evening Star, Sun., April 22, 2001 (cont'd)

Raymond Yoder

LAGRANGE — Raymond T. Yoder, 71, of LaGrange died at 3 a.m. Saturday, April 21, 2001, at his home.

Mr. Yoder was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Dec. 3, 1929, in LaGrange to Tobias A. and Ada (Mast) Yoder.

Surviving are seven sisters and five brothers-in-law, Susie Lehman of Shipshewana, Effie Troyer of Goshen, Mary and Alvin Troyer of Plain City, Ohio, Ida and Lester Beechy of LaGrange, Esther and Howard Miller of LaGrange, Alice and Ezra Yoder of Stratton, Colo., and Ade Mae and William Yoder of Bremen; and four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Amos Yoder of Fort Wayne, Dan and Doris Yoder of Goshen, Clarence and Idena Yoder of Goshen, and Ernest and Edna Yoder of Shipshewana.

Services are at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the family residence at 2620W-050N, LaGrange, with Bishop Daniel Beechy and the Rev. Vernon Miller officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is after 1 p.m. today and all day Monday at the Yoder home.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Madelyn Stout

LIGONIER — Madelyn G. Stout, 86, of Ligonier, died at 4:40 p.m. Friday, April 20, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Stout was a member of Trinity Assembly of God Church in Ligonier and had volunteered 10 years at World Missionary Press. She had worked 10 years at Goshen Motor Inn Motel and had worked at Sorg Products.

She was born Sept. 5, 1914, in Fort Wayne to Claude A. and Grace M. (Bird) Curley.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Jim Osborn of Sherwood, Ohio, and Elsie and Wilbur Chupp of Goshen; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Melvin Stout of Ligonier, Ed and Shirley Stout of Elkhart, John and Mary Stout of Topeka and Larry and Mary Stout of Coldwater, Mich.; a sister, Ruth Voltz of Wolcottville; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Helen Curley and Lou Sprunger; two brothers, Bruce Curley and Edwin Curley; and a grandchild.

Services are at 2 p.m. Monday in Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. William Parks officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling is from 3 to 7 p.m. today and from noon to services Monday at the funeral home.

Richard Franze

LAWRENCEBURG — Richard A. Franze, 75, died Saturday, April 21, 2001, in Lawrenceburg.

He was a retired electrical engineer from the I & M power plant and a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of Hamline Chapel United Methodist Church.

He was born in Kendallville, July 17, 1925.

Surviving are four sons, Dick Franze of Lawrenceburg, Bill and Alan Franze, both of Auburn, and Mike Franze of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Jackie Denning and Suzy Allen, both of Lawrenceburg; a brother, Frank Franze of Auburn; two sisters, Edythe Nartker of Kendallville and Faye Creager of Auburn; 14 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

His wife, Jean Marie Franze, preceded him in death.

Services are 7 p.m. (northeast Indiana time) Monday at Fitch-Denney Funeral Home, Lawrenceburg, with the Rev. William Helms officiating. Graveside services are 1 p.m. Tuesday at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with color guard services there by Auburn Post 97.

Calling is 5-7 p.m. (northeast Indiana time) Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Hamline Chapel United Methodist Church.

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MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2001

Richard Emerick

KENDALLVILLE — Richard N. Emerick, 78, died Saturday, April 21, 2001, at 6 p.m. in Veterans Administration Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He retired in 1966 from Rieke Corp. in Auburn with 19 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a 36-year member of the Butler post of the American Legion.

Mr. Emerick was born July 6, 1922, in Stroh to George W. and Dorothy I. (Getts) Emerick.

He married Betty Hart on June 15, 1947, in Hudson, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Nancy Emerick of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and their spouses, David and Wendy Emerick, Ben and Kelly Rex, Eric and Laura Emerick, and Tony and Erin Neu; and seven great-grandchildren, Tabitha, Brandon and Jeromy Rex, Jessica and Kyle Emerick, and Amanda and Blake Neu.

Three sisters and three brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Ken Ludwig officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna, with military graveside services.

Calling is Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Evening Star, Mon., April 23, 2001 (cont'd)

Doris Hancock

ANGOLA — Doris O. Hancock, 76, of Angola, died Saturday, April 21, 2001 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a charter member of Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola, where she was organist for many years. She was also organist for St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Angola. For over 50 years she gave piano and guitar lessons to area children.

Along with her sister, Jeanette, she was a singer on WOWO Radio in Fort Wayne, and she and her husband played in several area bands over the past 60 years. She was a member of the Women of the Moose 266 of Angola.

She was born Feb. 26, 1925, in Fremont to Charles W. and Ida May (Dury) Hawkins. On Jan. 1, 1947, she married Wilbur G. Hancock, and he survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Gary and Thomas of Angola; a daughter, Carol Smith of Angola; a sister, Jeanette Hancock of Fremont; 11 grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death last year by a daughter, Linda Crawford; and also by two brothers, Lowell and Ralph Hawkins.

Services will be Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola, with the Rev. Tim Seevers officiating. Calling will be at the church Wednesday from 1-4 p.m., with a service by the Women of the Moose at 4 p.m.

Burial will be in East Gilead, Mich. Memorials are to the church.

Hope Boden

AUBURN — Hope Ann (Burgoyne) Boden, 71, died Sunday, April 22, 2001, at Lee Memorial Hospital in Cape Coral, Fla., following a one-week illness.

She lived in Auburn and Pine Lake, Fla.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Auburn.

Rozelle-Johnson Funeral Service, Anderson, is in charge of arrangements.

Frances Kessler

AUBURN — Frances I. Kessler, 88, died Friday, April 20, 2001, in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Kessler was an assistant office manager at Sanders Hospital for 18 years and worked for the DeKalb County Board of Health for 10 years.

She was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Auburn, where she was a member of the choir for over 50 years, the Rebekah Lodge of Auburn, and the Songbirds Chorus at Heimach Senior Center.

She was born Aug. 1, 1912, in DeKalb County to Frank and Nellie (Warner) Saltsman.

She married Herman Kessler, who died in 1982.

Surviving her are a stepson and his wife, Jere and Margaret Kessler of Hilltop Lakes, Texas; a niece, Joyce Saltsman of Auburn; and two stepgrandchildren and a spouse, Wade Kessler of Texas, and Paul and Uchie Kessler of California.

Two brothers, Jake and Jesse, and one sister, Mina Saltsman, preceded her in death.

Services were held today at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Burial was in Waterloo Cemetery.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, was in charge of arrangements.

Vivian Barrows

HOWE — Vivian M. Barrows, 92, of Howe, died at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, April 21, 2001, at LifeCare Center of LaGrange.

On June 8, 1908, in Brighton, she was born to Charles and Libbie LeMaster. She married Emril Barrows in Angola on Sept. 1, 1934. He preceded her in death in 1997.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are a son, Philip Barrows Sr. of Orland; a brother, LeVern LeMaster of Kendallville; two grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A sister preceded her in death.

Services are 1 p.m. Tuesday at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, with Major James Amick officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral.

Chad Uehlein

AUBURN — Chad R. "Skeeter" Uehlein, 23, of Auburn died Saturday, April 21, 2001, at 1:30 a.m. at a residence on Sixth Street in Auburn.

Uehlein

Mr. Uehlein was employed at Guardian Industries.

He was born Aug. 16, 1977, in Auburn.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Terry and Nadine Uehlein of Auburn; his mother, June Kucia of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Melissa and Todd Carpenter of Auburn; a stepbrother, Jason L. Pinnington of Auburn; and a grandmother, Phyllis Uehlein of Spencerville.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a wrestling scholarship in his name.

Josephine Rink

AUBURN — Josephine Rink, 76, died Saturday, April 21, 2001, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Rink worked in the laundry department at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for 18 years, retiring in 1985. She also worked at Auburn Rubber Co. for 18 years and for Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. for six years. She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn.

She was born April 26, 1924, in Auburn, to Carl and Kate (Hudson) Ramsey.

She married Robert E. Rink, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Thelma Jean Huss of Fremont, Linda Jo Zern of Fort Wayne, and Candace Sue Kruse of San Antonio, Texas; eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Two sisters and one brother preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Indiana Village Church of God, Auburn. Burial will be at a later date in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the church or the Diabetes Association.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

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Rita Hull

FORT WAYNE — Rita A. Hull, died Friday, April 20, 2001, at University Park Nursing Center.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a homemaker. She formerly lived in Churubusco and lived in Fort Wayne since August 2000. She was a member of Most Precious Blood Catholic Church.

She married Harry Hull, who died on May 12, 1992.

Surviving her are two daughters, Sheril Shuler of Fort Wayne and Jayne Krontz of Butler; two sons, Gary W. Hull of Columbia City and Rex A. Hull of Fort Wayne; one stepson, David Weigold of Wolf Lake; one brother, Lester Philo of Sun City, Fla.; 18 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Charlotte Hull in 1973, and a sister, Edna Harter.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, with prayers at 10:30 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in St. Patrick Cemetery, Arcola.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home, with a rosary service at 3:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Right to Life or masses.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Rev. Robert H. Mitchell**, former pastor of the First Eel River Baptist Church near Churubusco, died Saturday. Funeral arrangements are pending with Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

ROME CITY — **David R. Shuff**, 70, of Rome City, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. Calling from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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Louis Senneville

ANGOLA — Louis O. Senneville, 83, of Angola, died Saturday, April 21, 2001, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mr. Senneville was a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force. He was born Aug. 25, 1918, in Manchester, N.H., to Emile J. and Emma (Fortin) Senneville.

He married Mary Ann (Waller) Senneville in 1955 at Ocoee, Fla. She survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Louis A. Senneville of Windemere, Fla., and Don Senneville of Carefree, Ariz.; a daughter, Katharyne Valentino of Los Angeles; a brother, two sisters and five grandchildren.

Services will be held at a later date in Manchester, N.H.

Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

George Lee

AUBURN — George M. Lee, 42, died Friday, April 20, 2001, at 2 a.m. in his Auburn home. He was a former cab driver in Amarillo, Texas.

He was born Dec. 10, 1958, in New York to George Lee and Evelyn (Gfeller) Claxton. His mother survives in North Liberty.

Also surviving are a son, Adam Lee at home; a brother, Robert E. Lee of Butler; two sisters, Linda Baird of Butler and Darline Mavis of St. Joe; two half-brothers, Jeremy Coleman of Avilla and Larry Lee of Auburn; one half-sister, Marlene Belcher of Defiance, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial was in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the funeral home to defray funeral expenses.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Rev. Robert H. Mitchell**, 88, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Eel River Baptist Church. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and Friday at the church an hour before.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2001

Danny Easterday

HUDSON — Danny L. Easterday, 51, died Monday, April 23, 2001, at 4:53 p.m. in Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola after suffering a heart attack at his home.

Mr. Easterday worked at Kraft Foods in Kendallville for 22 years and had worked at Bundy Co. in Ashley since 1997. He had lived in rural Hudson since 1988 and was a U.S. Army veteran.

He had been a firefighter since 1972. He was a 14-year member of the Hudson Fire Department, where was on the HAZMAT team, a First Responder and a first lieutenant.

He was born June 13, 1949, in Fawn River, St. Joseph County, Mich., to Maurice and Patricia (Sheley) Easterday.

Surviving him are his fiancee, Ruth Wymer of Hudson; two daughters, Kittie Easterday of Auburn and Jennifer Custer of Fort Wayne; two sons, Hugh Easterday of Hudson and David Wymer of Indianapolis; a brother, Dennis Johnson of Texas; a stepfather, Gene Johnson of Stroh; and five grandchildren, Kimberly and Bradley Custer, Jeremy Elkins, Justin Easterday and Dakota Dale.

Services will be held Friday at 4 p.m. in the Hudson United Brethren Church, with calling after 3 p.m. The Rev. Craig Burkholder will officiate. Military services will be conducted at the church.

Calling is Thursday from 3-8 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Memorials are to the Hudson Fire Department.

Cynthia Tolliver

ANGOLA — Cynthia D. Tolliver, 44, of Angola, died Monday, April 23, 2001, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

She was a homemaker.

She was born July 7, 1956, in Harrisburg, Pa., to Richard and Shirley (Moses) O'Coners. Her father survives in Tampa, Fla.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Shawn and Willie Scholfield of Pittsford, Mich.; a son, Samuel Titus of Fremont; two brothers, Tim O'Coners of Napoleon, Ohio, and Richard O'Coners of Memphis; her paternal grandparents, Clarence and Orabelle O'Coners of Cleveland, Tenn.; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Brother Bill Romans officiating. Burial will take place at a later date.

Calling is Friday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Oscar J. Nile,** 55, died Thursday at home in Ligonier. No services or calling.

LIGONIER — **Patricia S. Huff,** 61, died Monday at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Ellen Marguerite Durfey,** 82, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne after a one-month illness. Memorial services are 1:30 p.m. Friday at Five Corners Baptist Church. No calling.

ALBION — **Harold Benjamin Rupert,** 94, died Friday at St. Mary's Hospital, Lewiston, N.Y. Memorial services are 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

William Leonhardt

KENDALLVILLE — William W. Leonhardt, 84, died at 5:05 p.m. Monday, April 23, 2001, at Hickory Creek at Kendallville nursing home.

He was formerly employed by Sunrise Dairy, Angola, and was a molder for Newnam Foundry, Kendallville. He retired from Levin and Sons Scrap Yards. He was a member of First Christian Church, Kendallville; the Civilian Conservation Corps, Angola; and American Legion Post 86, Kendallville.

He was born Aug. 23, 1916, in Fremont to William and Clara (Wartenbee) Leonhardt. On Oct. 8, 1938, in LaGrange he married Geraldine Rowlison, who preceded him in death in August, 1989.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Beverly and Wayne Eshelman and Paula Seibert, all of Kendallville, and Sandra and Alton Grimm of Huntertown; three sisters, Margarite Maynard of Lansing, Mich., Lois Fritz of Hillsdale, Mich., and Esther Miller of Edon, Ohio; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Private family funeral services are Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be at a later date at Lake View Cemetery.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna.

Area Deaths

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THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2001

LAGRANGE — **Jon C. Powell**, 30, of LaGrange, died Tuesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, Howe. Calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2001

Mary Ann Hauck

ANGOLA — Mary Ann Hauck, 67, of Angola, died Wednesday, April 25, 2001, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis.

Mrs. Hauck was a case coordinator at RISE Inc. in Angola for 21 years and retired in 1999. She was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola, and the Steuben County Mental Health Association. She also was a teacher with the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County.

She was born Sept. 22, 1933, in Sedalia, Mo., to William and Mildred (Stine) Young. Her mother survives in Sedalia.

Also surviving are two sons, Steven Hauck of Indianapolis and Eric Hauck of Bloomington; two daughters, Laura Burlingame of Fremont and Linda Fellers of Indianapolis; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Atwell Bohling, and a sister, Willa Jean Pettis.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola, with the Rev. Deborah Davis officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to RISE Inc., the First Congregational United Church of Christ and St. Vincent's Hospital.

Julia Burke

ANGOLA — Julia Hodge Burke, 100, died Wednesday, April 25, 2001, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Burke was a homemaker and a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Fort Wayne for more than 70 years. She belonged to the Star of the East Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Fort Wayne for 75 years.

She was born Dec. 21, 1900, in Fort Wayne to Chester and Katherine (McQuilkin) Hodge.

On Feb. 22, 1928, she married Russell A. Burke. He preceded her in death Oct. 14, 1978.

Surviving are a son, James Patrick Burke of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Sharon Meyer of Angola; five grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Hodge; and two sisters, Elizabeth Robbins and Katherine Schultz.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Gordon Samra officiating. Burial will be in Mott Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 3-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Episcopal Church, 611 W. Berry St., Fort Wayne.

Walter Freeman

FORT WAYNE — Walter A. Freeman, 77, died Thursday, April 26, 2001, at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Freeman was a watchmaker, jeweler and founder of Freeman Jewelers. He was a member of Maumee Lodge 725, F.& A.M., Fort Wayne Valley Scottish Rite, Royal Order of Jesters, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Moose Lodge, American Legion Post 47, TPA, and Indiana Jewelers Association. He was a past potentate of Mizpah Shrine 1982 and a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9500.

He was born Sept. 23, 1923, in English, Ind.

Surviving him are his wife, A. June; a daughter, Susie Freeman of Angola; two sons, Larry C. and Bob Freeman, both of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, six great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Two sisters and one brother preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Entombment will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home. The Maumee Lodge will conduct a service at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shriners' Children's Hospital or Cancer Services of Allen County.

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Irene Geiger

COLLINS — Irene A. Geiger, 93, died at 3 a.m. Thursday, April 26, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. She entered the hospital Wednesday and had been in declining health recently.

She spent all her married life on the family farm near Collins. She attended Collins United Methodist Church.

She was born May 23, 1907, in Smith Township, Whitley County, to William and Maud (Benour) Krider. In Hillsdale, Mich., on Nov. 21, 1925, she married Clifton "Jake" Geiger, who preceded her in death Nov. 17, 1975.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Guy Geiger, in 1970; two brothers, Clyde and Ed Krider; a sister, Helen King; and a granddaughter, Cheryl Jackson.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Charles "Chic" Geiger of Churubusco and Dale and Janice Geiger of Columbia City; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Helen and Robert Blanchard of North Manchester, Mary and Herbert Sutton of Huntertown and Shirley Rugg of LaGrange; 19 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. William Claxton officiating. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Dorothea Newnam

ANGOLA — Dorothea A. "Dottie" Newnam, 64, of Angola, died Thursday, April 26, 2001, at her residence.

Mrs. Newnam was an aeronautical engineer, worked at Clevite and was co-owner of Eagle Eye Commodities. She was a member of Fairview Missionary Church, Angola.

She was born Dec. 10, 1936, in Angola to Merl and Louise Stafford. Her mother survives in Reading, Mich.

On April 21, 1962, she married Lewis Newnam, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Steven Newnam of Westfield; a daughter, Renee Newnam of Los Angeles; and two grandchildren, John and Karen Newnam.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Fairview Missionary Church with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is one hour before services at the church.

Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Sandra Winchell

COLDWATER, Mich. — Sandra M. Winchell, 61, died Tuesday, April 10, 2001, at Battle Creek Health Systems in Battle Creek.

Mrs. Winchell formerly lived in Hillsdale, Mich. She graduated from Waterloo High School in 1958.

She was born March 1, 1940, in Waterloo to Lawrence and Deloris (Madden) Rathert.

She married Fremont Winchell on Dec. 14, 1963, and he survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Kim Hemker of Coldwater, Teressa Ballard of Tekonsha, Mich., and Amy Blatt of Sturgis, Mich.; her stepmother, Kelly Rathert of Auburn; one brother, Larry Rathert of Bronson, Mich.; a stepbrother, Jeff Rathert of Waterloo, and 11 grandchildren.

One brother, Michael, preceded her in death.

Services were held April 13 in VanHorn-Eagle Funeral Home, Hillsdale, with Pastor Chuck McNeil officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery, Quincy, Mich.

Memorials are to the Battle Creek Health Systems Critical Care Unit.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Dale E. Meyer**, 88, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Albion Wesleyan Church, with calling there 2-8 p.m. today.

CHURUBUSCO — **William B. Welch**, 77, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

COLON, Mich. — **Vicki Diane Bowman**, 54, died Thursday at home. Services are 1 p.m. Monday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

Helen C. Phillips

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Saline, Mich. — 1914-2001

Helen C. Phillips, 87, of Saline, Mich., and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, April 25, 2001, at Bortz Healthcare Center in Ypsilanti.

The Ashley, Ind., native was the former parish secretary for Most Precious Blood Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. She was a member of the church and its Rosary Society. Surviving are a daughter, Barbara Gillig of Saline; a sister, Betty Jones of Garrett, Ind.; and a grandson, Kevin Gillig of Saline. She was preceded in death by her husband, Horace A., and a brother. Prayer services at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne, precede Mass of Christian Burial at noon Saturday at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, 1515 N. Barthold St. Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today with a 7 p.m. rosary service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne. Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Information provided by C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., 422-4232.

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Ora M. Cosper

ANGOLA — Ora M. Cosper, 78, of Angola, died Thursday, April 26, 2001, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

On Oct. 4, 1922, in Hamilton he was born to George and Nora (Case) Cosper. He married Elizabeth Cather on Dec. 4, 1971. She survives.

Mr. Cosper worked at Sunrise Dairy, Perry Printing and retired from Moore's Business Forms in Angola in 1987. He was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Angola.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: two daughters, Marcia McKinley, Fort Wayne, and Lisa Walter, Angola; a sister, Ruth Holley, Takoma Park, Md.; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A brother Cecil Cosper preceded him in death.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Henry Lee Ernsberger

ORLAND — Henry Lee Ernsberger, 80, of Orland, died Thursday, April 26, 2001, at his residence.

On March 17, 1921, in Orland, he was born to Clinton and Hazel (Gustin) Ernsberger. He married Helen R. Crammond on June 6, 1953, in Toledo, Ohio. She survives.

He was a life member of Orland Methodist Church, a charter member of Orland Lions Club, a World War II veteran, a member of Orland American Legion Post 423, a 55-year member of Masonic Lodge 225, a 45-year member of Eastern Stars, a volunteer firefighter with the Orland Fire Department and a member of Orland Town Council from 1972 to 1978.

Mr. Ernsberger was employed on the Indiana Toll Road for 28 years.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: two daughters and a son-in-law, Allison Ernsberger, Orland, and Susan and Brian McDonald, Indianapolis; a son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Marylyn Ersnberger, Orland; a sister, Ruth Van Wagner, Orland; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 30, 2001, at the United Methodist Church in Orland with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland, with military rites at the cemetery.

Calling is from 4 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice, Orland United Methodist Church and Orland Community Fund.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Dale E. Meyer**, 88, of Albion, died Wednesday, April 25, 2001. Services at 11 a.m. today at Albion Wesleyan Church, Albion.

LAGRANGE — **Mary C. Miller**, 104, of LaGrange, died Thursday, April 26, 2001. Services at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2001, at Brighton Chapel, Brighton. Calling from 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, April 30, 2001, at Brighton Chapel.

COLON, MICH. — **Vicki Diane Bowman**, 54, of Colon, Mich., formerly of Wolcottville, Ind., died Thursday, April 26, 2001. Services at 1 p.m. Monday, April 30, 2001, at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville. Calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, April 29, 2001, at the funeral home.

HOWE — **Ford R. Aldrich**, 86, of Howe, died Friday, April 27, 2001. Services at 10 a.m. Monday, April 30, 2001, at English Prairie Church of the Brethren, Howe. Calling 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 29, 2001, at Frrip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Richard T. Maybee**, 73, of Wolcottville, died Thursday, April 26, 2001. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2001, at St. Gasper Catholic Church, Rome City. Calling from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, April 30, 2001, at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

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Mary Miller

LAGRANGE — Mary C. Miller, 104, of LaGrange, died Thursday, April 26, 2001, in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

On Jan. 21, 1897, in Elgin, Ohio, she was born to Silas and Sarah (Lippincott) Rice.

On May 1, 1918, in Branch County, Mich., she married Lester A. Wooster, who preceded her in death on Dec. 30, 1962.

She married Glen Welker in October 1965 in LaGrange County. He preceded her in death in October 1977.

On Jan. 6, 1979, in Brighton, she married Odye Miller, who preceded her death in 1981.

She spent most of her life in LaGrange County, having moved from Ohio.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker, active in the LaGrange County Republican Party, LaGrange County A.A.R.P., Keenagers Prayer Group, and a member of Greenfield Township Home Extension Club.

Surviving are: a daughter, Mabel A. Evans, LaGrange; two sons, James S. Wooster, Coldwater, Mich., and Nelson L. Wooster, Sturgis, Mich.; a step-daughter, Ruth Fair, Sturgis, Mich.; a step-daughter-in-law, Doris Welker, Howe; 10 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and 21 great-great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Carol L. Wagner, preceded her in death in April 1991.

Three sisters, three brothers, two grandsons, one granddaughter, three step-sons, and one step-daughter also preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2001, in Brighton Chapel, Brighton, with Rev. Rodney Schuler officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery, Brighton.

Calling is from 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, at Brighton Chapel. Memorials are to Brighton Chapel.

William Frederick

WARREN — Dr. William Cecil Fitzpatrick, 84, died at 7:50 p.m., Friday, April 27, 2001, at the United Methodist Memorial Home, where he had retired in 1993.

He had been a dentist in Elwood for many years before his retirement in 1980. He spent several winters in Avon Park, Fla.

He was born Feb. 15, 1917, in Stearns, Ky. He was a 1935 graduate of Elwood High School and a 1940 graduate of Indiana University. He later received his doctorate of dentistry degree from Indiana University.

On Aug. 5, 1939, he married Patricia (Conwell) Fitzpatrick in Elwood. She survives.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, where he had served in the Army Dental Corps from 1943–1946.

He was a member of the Kiwanis Club in Elwood and North Webster, the church choir at the United Methodist Memorial Home, a life member of the Indiana Dental Society and the Indiana University Alumni Association. He had been the Pipe Creek Township Trustee in Elwood and he was instrumental in the construction of the Frankton High School. He was very active in many church organizations and formerly attended the First United Methodist Church in North Webster.

Surviving him are his daughter, Sue A. Henderson of Columbus.; two sons, William H. Fitzpatrick of Anamosa, Iowa, and John K. Fitzpatrick of Albion; four granddaughters, Cynthia Sams, Kelly Fitzpatrick and Danielle Fitzpatrick of Anamosa, Iowa; and Sarah Fitzpatrick of Albion; and three grandsons, William Henderson of Greenwood, and James Henderson of Lafayette.

A brother, Robert H. Fitzpatrick, preceded him in death.

Services will be held at the United Methodist Memorial Home, Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. with the Revs. Charles Elam, John Pattison, John Bellante and Mike Beall officiating. Burial will take place at the Spring Hill Cemetery in Warren.

Calling is Monday 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Memorial Home.

Memorials are to the United Methodist Memorial Home Choir Music Fund; the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 4204, South Bend, IN 46634; or the donor's choice.

Clarence V. Dennison

AUBURN — Clarence V. Dennison, 73, died in Fort Wayne on Friday, April 27, 2001.

He was born in Buckanna, W.Va., on July 26, 1927, the son of Luther and Luetta "Graves" Dennison.

He was a superintendent for Foley Pattern in Auburn for 33 years, retiring in 1987.

During the Second World War, he served in the U.S. Marines.

He married Helen Winebrenner on May 6, 1945, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Clarence Dennison Jr. of Fort Wayne, Donald DeWayne Dennison of Chicago, Richard Allen Dennison of Franklin, Tenn.; one sister, Violet Lewis of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, Amy Buchs of Waterloo, Lori Sexton of Auburn, Wendi Sills of Waterloo, Hannah Dennison of Franklin, Tenn., Anthony Jones of Fort Wayne, Toni Ott of Fort Wayne, Stephanie Ott of Fort Wayne; five great-grandchildren, Abby Buchs, Becky Buchs, Sara Sills and Nick Buchs of Waterloo and Clare Sexton of Auburn.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Calling will be Monday 7-9 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

A private family burial will take place at a later date.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Patricia Huff** were held Friday, April 27, 2001, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Quint Zimmerman and the Rev. Cecil Zimmerman officiating.

Burial was in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Pallbearers were: John Dixon, Rory Robbins, Lee Dixon Jr., Dale Gasho, Rick Kemplin, Joey Rugg, Steve Mitchell and Terry Mitchell.

Honorary pallbearers were: Dann Hall, Ollie Kemplin, Lee Dixon, Danny Gasho, Tom Gasho and Jason Shaw.

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Helen Hardy

KENDALLVILLE — Helen Catherine Hardy, 86, died Sunday morning, April 29, 2001, at St. Luke's Lutheran Home.

Mrs. Hardy graduated from Kendallville High School in 1934, and was a supervisor secretary for McCray Refrigerator Co. before her marriage. She was the bookkeeper for her husband's farming business and together they traveled extensively.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Kendallville. She formerly lived in Hudson and North Canton.

She was born Feb. 2, 1915, in Kendallville to Arthur and Emma (Gehring) Whiteman.

She married Robert "Bob" Hardy on Dec. 30, 1953. He died in 1990.

Surviving her are a niece, Martha "Kit" Whiteman of Cincinnati, Ohio; a nephew and his wife, Arthur and Judith Whiteman; two great-nieces and one great-nephew, Heather, Hillary and David, all of North Canton; a sister-in-law, Miriam Whiteman of Canton; two sisters-in-law and a spouse, Marjorie and Lawrence Gilbert, and Ardell Clelland; a brother-in-law and his wife, Gordon and Lillian Hardy; and their families.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-3 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with a graveside service immediately following in Circle Cemetery, Hudson. Pastor Paul Griebel will officiate.

Memorials are to Lutheran Hour Ministries, 2185 Hampton Ave., St. Louis MO 63139 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

William Beverly

GARRETT — William T. Beverly, 90, died Sunday, April 29, 2001, at 8:50 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Beverly lived in Garrett for 58 years and worked as a B&O Railroad conductor for 31 years, retiring in 1973. He was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

He was born in Paulding, Ohio, on Aug. 6, 1910, to Theodore and Nettie (Davis) Beverly.

He married Verna L. Surface in Covington, Ky., on May 5, 1940. She died Dec. 17, 1995.

Surviving are two sons, Larry of Churubusco and William of Springfield, Ohio; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

One sister, Pauline Ridenour, and three brothers, Howard, Earl and Paul, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home at Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Support Group.

Jack Loos

FORT WAYNE — Jack J. Loos, 81, died Sunday, April 29, 2001, at 8 a.m. in Byron Health Care Center at Huntertown.

He was a professional musician and played the organ for Fort Wayne Komets hockey games for over 40 years, retiring in 1996. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Loos was born Nov. 18, 1919, in Coshocton, Ohio, to Leon and Bessie (Tish) Loos.

Surviving him are one daughter, Elaine Krause of Huntington; and one sister, Beverly Wisenburg of Jamestown, N.C.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Ross Davis

MARION — Ross L. Davis, 85, died Saturday, April 28, 2001, at 11 a.m. in Wesleyan Healthcare Center in Marion.

He owned and operated the Phlox Grocery Store in Phlox, Ind., for 25 years and had retired in 1977 from St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo as a maintenance supervisor. He formerly lived in Greentown and enjoyed coin collecting.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of Greentown Masonic Lodge 395 and American Legion Post 317. He served two terms as Union Township trustee.

Mr. Davis was born June 3, 1915, in Miami County, Ind., to Warren and Hattie (Lowman) Davis.

He married Wilma C. Rody on May 3, 1942, and she died June 24, 1995.

Surviving him are a son and daughter-in-law, Melvin and Carol Davis of Marion; a daughter, Diana Scott of Angola; a sister, Edna Mumaw of Amboy; six grandchildren, Lee Collins, Stephen Scott, Rudy Hernandez, Christy Snapp, Todd Davis and Scott Davis; and five grandchildren, Cody Martin, Rebecka Martin, Alissa Collins, Tyler Collins and Devina Davis.

Two brothers, Herman and Roy Davis, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Halser-Pickett Funeral Home, Greentown. Pastor John Clark will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Greentown with military rites.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home, with Masonic services at 7:30 p.m.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Phyllis J. Clawson**, 76, died Sunday at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. Graveside services are 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Eden Cemetery, Topeka. No calling.

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John Snelling

AUBURN — John L. Snelling, 92, died Monday, April 30, 2001, at 3:02 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Snelling

He was a machine operator at Warner Gear in Auburn for 33 years, retiring in 1973. He was a member of the Indian Village Church of God and its food bank.

Mr. Snelling was born April 21, 1909, in Rock Ford, Colo., to Elwood S. and Catherine (Semer) Snelling.

He married Lorene M. Stuckey on Oct. 30, 1937, in Leo, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Thomas J. Snelling of Leo and James L. Snelling of Spencerville; five granddaughters, Candice Chaffee of Fort Wayne, Nicole Snelling and Andrea Snelling, both of Leo, Erin Snelling of Savannah, Ga., and Alison Snelling of Indianapolis; and one great-granddaughter, Brooklyn Snelling of Savannah.

One daughter, Patricia Snelling, and two brothers, Ted and Millard, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Indian Village Church of God, with the Rev. Lloyd Harlan officiating. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the church, Lake Camp, or the food bank.

Kirk Etheridge

HUNTERTOWN — Kirk C. Etheridge, 72, died Sunday, April 29, 2001, at home in Huntertown.

The Springport, Mich., native retired in 1989 as area supervisor of gas transmissions and measurements with Northern Indiana Public Service Co. after 41 years. He was a member and trustee of Huntertown United Methodist Church, a member of Huntertown Lodge 689, treasurer of the Perry Township Cemetery Association and a member of and emergency medical technician with the Huntertown Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Etheridge; a son, Steven K. Etheridge of Kendallville; three daughters, Sherry Shaw and Kathy and Tami Etheridge, all of Huntertown; a sister, Juanita Cannon of St. Joe; three grandchildren, Phillip Shaw, Erin Duncan and Kirk Etheridge; and a great-grandson, Kayne Duncan.

Two brothers, Glen and Edward Etheridge, and a sister, Gloria Ann Etheridge, preceded him in death.

Memorial services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Road, Huntertown. Private burial will be at Huntertown Cemetery, Huntertown.

Memorials are to the church or ARC of Northeast Indiana.

Arrangements are by D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road.

Jemima Berry

CLINTON, Ind. — Jemima L. Berry, 72, died Thursday, April 26, 2001 in West Central Community Hospital in Clinton. She was a homemaker.

She was born Feb. 5, 1929, in Clinton to Rush and Edna Reynolds. They preceded her in death.

Surviving her are six children, Jody Berry of Angola, Jack Berry and Albert Berry Jr., both of Clinton, Albert Simpson and Steve Berry, both of Paris, Ill., and Ed Berry of Terre Haute.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Berry; a daughter, Rita JoAnn; and a sister, Marjorie Sanders.

Services were held April 28 in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Clinton.

Frist Funeral Home, 458 Blackman St., Clinton, was in charge of arrangements.

Iris Sebert

BUTLER — Iris L. Sebert, 80, died Monday, April 30, 2001, at 6 a.m. in her Butler home.

Mrs. Sebert was a homemaker and a bookkeeper for Sebert Oil Co.

She was a graduate of Tri-State University, and an active member of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and Butler United Methodist Church, and the Butler United Methodist Women. She played piano, taught children's Sunday School and was a 4-H leader. She enjoyed reading, sewing and camping with her family.

She was born Feb. 17, 1921, in Waterloo to Elmer B. and Olive (Crooks) Pontius.

She married Dwight Sebert on Oct. 11, 1941, in Covington, Ky., and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Michael G. Sebert of Butler; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Ellen E. and Robert Denney of Newport, N.C., Janet C. and Rick Everhart of Butler, and Diane L. Smith of Remington, Ind.; 10 grandchildren, Douglas Denney, Angela Kirk, Katherine Denney, Amy Bradford, Rory Sebert, Randy Sebert, Adam Everhart, Ashley Everhart, Scott Smith and Derek Smith, and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Butler United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach officiating.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Memorials are to the church or Alzheimer's research.

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GOSHEN — **Loretta May Clark**, 57, died Monday at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. Memorial services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen. No calling.

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Richard Pierce

FREMONT — Richard Lee Pierce, 57, of Lake George, died Tuesday, May 1, 2001, at his residence.

Pierce

Mr. Pierce was retired from Precision Control Systems in Fort Wayne, where he was employed as a plumber and pipe fitter. He was a member of Plumbers and Steam Fitters Union Local 166 of Fort Wayne for 34 years, and a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola. He served in the U.S. Air Force in peacetime as an Airman 2nd Class.

He was born June 30, 1943, in Pierceton to Sam O. and Mary E. (Ellerman) Pierce. His mother survives in Bard, Calif.

On Aug. 23, 1975, he married Dianna Riegling, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a daughter, Annamarie Pender of Fort Wayne; a son, Richard Pierce of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Crystal and Kyle; two sisters, Joann Terlosky and Joyce Wood, both of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Thomas Pierce of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his father and a son, Mark Pierce.

Services will be conducted by Father Fred Pasche Thursday at 11 a.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. A scripture service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Catholic schools or Cameron Home Health Care & Hospice.

Adah Nicholas

AUBURN — Adah Fay Nicholas, 94, died Monday, April 30, 2001, at 11:15 p.m. in her daughter's home.

Mrs. Nicholas was a homemaker and a beekeeper along with her husband. She lived in rural Auburn and was a member of the Garrett Nazarene Church.

Nicholas

She was born May 24, 1906, in Carroll County to Ira and Mary Etta (Hatter) Goe.

She married Forrest R. Nicholas on Dec. 6, 1928, in Auburn. He died in June 1992.

Surviving her are one son and daughter-in-law, Gerald and Nadean Nicholas of Auburn; a daughter, Susanna Johnson of Auburn; one sister, Leah Hay of Auburn; seven grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Three sisters, Ruth Croy, Mary Smith and Esther Blevins, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Garrett Nazarene Church, with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. David Farling and the Rev. John Kinsey will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Ora Cosper

ANGOLA — Ora M. Cosper, 78, of Angola, died Thursday, April 26, 2001, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mr. Cosper worked at Sunrise Dairy, Perry Printing and retired from Moore's Business Forms, Angola, in 1987. He was a member of the Assembly of God Church, Angola.

He was born Oct. 4, 1922, in Hamilton, to George and Nora (Case) Cosper.

On Dec. 4, 1971, he married Elizabeth (Cather) Cosper in Angola. She survives at home.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Marcia and James McKinley of Fort Wayne and Lisa and David Walter of Angola; a sister, Ruth Holley of Takoma Park, Md.; and 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Cecil Cosper.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County, with Pastor Darold Beck officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Assembly of God Church, Angola. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Edith F. Sipe**, 86, died April 1 at Hamilton Grove Retirement Community, South Bend. Memorial graveside services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

KENDALLVILLE — **Helen Mae LeMaster**, 87, died Tuesday at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

TOPEKA — **Adrian E. Shell**, 58, died Monday at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange. Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Thursday.

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THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2001

Howard Seifert

AUBURN — Howard J. "Hobby" Seifert, 78, died today, May 3, 2001, at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Seifert worked at Messenger Corp., later known as Renaissance Publishing Co., for 33 years, retiring in 1983. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was a graduate of St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett. He was a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and a former member of the Auburn Elks Lodge.

He was born March 19, 1923, in Garrett to Frank and Thelma (Teders) Seifert.

He married Betty Crawford on Dec. 18, 1947, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving him are two daughters and one son-in-law, Cheri Taylor of Auburn, and Debbie and Dave Rose of Garrett; one brother, Tom Seifert of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Margie Shane and Jo Kock, both of Fort Wayne, and Marian Hilker of Chapel Hill, N.C.; four grandchildren, Stacy Grile, Stephanie Brewer, Jennifer Gilpin and Heidi Fausnaugh; and seven grandchildren.

Three brothers, Richard, Arnold and Charles Seifert, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Jeff Strite officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Wava Prentice

HUDSON — Wava A. Prentice, 77, died Wednesday, May 2, 2001, at 11:35 p.m. in Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

Mrs. Prentice was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of the area. She was a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and its ladies aid.

She was born Oct. 6, 1923, in Steuben County to Ford and Zoe (Cox) Shields.

She married Ralph E. Prentice on April 26, 1941, in Corunna. He died March 30, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Farrel Miller of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Gloria Prentice of rural Hudson; six grandchildren, Lisa Esterline; Randy, Chris and Chad Prentice; and Todd and Angela Miller; one great-grandchild and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

A son, Larry, preceded her in death in 1972.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in rural Hudson. Pastor Mark Niemoeller will officiate. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

David Sperbeck

FREMONT — David Charles Sperbeck, 55, of Fremont, died Wednesday, May 2, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sperbeck was formerly a machinist in Coldwater, Mich.

He was born Aug. 28, 1945, in Coldwater to Walter Martin and Ina Bell (Mitchell) Sperbeck.

On Sept. 28, 2000, he married Joanne Lee (Chene) Sperbeck, who survives at home.

There will be no calling or services.

Memorials are to the family. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Area Deaths

GOSHEN — **Jonas Mast**, 73, died Tuesday in the Goshen General Hospital emergency room. Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Griner Mennonite Church, Middlebury, with calling there 5-8 p.m. today, 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday and an hour before services Saturday.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Sue Holsinger Clark**, 62, died March 12 in San Francisco, Calif. Memorial services are 11 a.m. May 12 at Brimfield United Methodist Church, Brimfield.

HOWE — **Robert L. Myers**, 76, died at home Tuesday. Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

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Frances D. VanLeuven

AUBURN — Frances D. VanLeuven, 88, died Thursday, May 3, 2001, at 3:02 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. VanLeuven was a homemaker and a member of the Immaculate Catholic Church in Auburn, the Harvest House and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. She was a leader in Girl Scouts and 4-H. She enjoyed baking.

She was born March 16, 1913, in Perrysburg, Ohio, to Anthony George and Ethel P. (Chevalier) Morlock.

She graduated from Milan High School in Michigan in 1931.

On Aug. 27, 1936, in Milford, Mich., she married Robert M. VanLeuven. He died Sept. 18, 1989.

Surviving are two sons, Martin M. of Fort Wayne and Paul A. of Auburn; two daughters, Sylvia Christine "Chris" Gorman of Tustin, Calif., and Sharon K. Kenson of Westchester, Pa.; a sister, Mary Pfahler of Coopersville, Mich.; seven grandchildren, two stepgrandchilren and one stepgreat-granddaugther.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Cecilia Traut, and a brother, Tony J. Morlock.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception Church, Auburn, with the Rev. Chuck Herman officiating. A Mass of Christian burial service will follow in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, and Saturday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the church. A rosary service will take place at 4:30 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association and Immaculate Conception Church.

Gilbert Ortiz

ST. JOE — Gilbert Alphonso Ortiz, 59, died early Thursday, May 3, 2001, at his home on State Road 1. He had been in failing health for several years.

Mr. Ortiz was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church at Hicksville, Ohio. He had worked at Sechler's Pickle factory of St. Joe, County Line Cheese of Auburn, Hagerman Construction of Fort Wayne and Hendrickson Suspension at Butler. He was retired because of ill health.

Mr. Ortiz

He was born Jan. 4, 1942, at Rockford, Ohio, to Florencio and Carmen Morales Ortiz.

He married Betty Ocampo at Decatur on Nov. 23, 1961. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Vivian and Kent Likes of Butler, Victoria and Julio Padilla of Auburn and Valerie Ortiz of Buchanan, Mich.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Gilbert Eugene and Teri Ortiz of Ossian, Louie and Barb Ortiz of Spencerville and Kevin and Tara Ortiz of Auburn; nine grandchildren; two brothers, Paul of Decatur and John of Fort Wayne; 10 sisters, Mary Razo of Decatur, Margaret Nieto of Rockdale, Texas, Christina Contrez of Hicksville, Ohio, Josephine Navarro of Delta, Ohio, Gloria Jasso of Antwerp, Ohio, Dorothy Chew of St. Joe, Hope Esquivel of Hicksville, Ohio, Arbella Sanchez of Victoria, Texas, Juanita Gonzalez of Fort Pierce, Fla., and Carmen Garcia of Hicksville, Ohio.

Services will be held Monday at 9 a.m. (Indiana time) at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville. Father Thomas Oedy, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery at Hicksville.

Calling is Saturday after 6 p.m. and Sunday from 2-8 p.m. (Indiana times) at Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville. A rosary service will be conducted Sunday at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Allen County Cancer Society, Parkview Home Health Care and Hospice or St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Joyce Thomson

WATERLOO — Joyce L. Thomson, 80, died at 2:30 a.m. today, May 4, 2001, in the Wesley Health Care Center at Auburn.

Mrs. Thomson was a homemaker and served as a school crossing guard for Waterloo Elementary School for many years. She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

She was born July 8, 1920, in Bemidji, Minn., to Maurice Edwin Hinkly and Florence G. (Crawford) Hinkley.

She married Francis R. Thomson on Nov. 4, 1950, in Fenton, Mich. He died Nov. 6, 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Ginger Thomson of Waterloo; a sister, Marjorie Breitenstein of Bay City, Mich.; and three grandchildren, Barbara, Benjamin and Joni Thomson.

Private graveside services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Waterloo Cemetery. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate.

There will be no calling. Memorials are to The Waterloo United Methodist Church or Child Evangelism.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

MILLERSBURG — **Marvin A. Hochstetler**, 51, died Wednesday at Goshen General Hospital. Services are 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

WARSAW — **Leora I. Small**, 56, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw. Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Syracuse Church of God, 104 E. Washington St., Syracuse. Calling is 3-7 p.m. Sunday at Orr Funeral Home, 500 W. Second St., Ligonier, and an hour before services Monday at the church.

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Harriet Kingsbury

ORLAND — Harriet E. Kingsbury, 89, of Lake Gage, died Thursday, May 3, 2001, at Saint Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a secretary for Angola Distributors for 30 years and a member of the Angola American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Dec. 15, 1911, in New London, Wis., to William and Teresa (Remmel) Allion.

She married John Kingsbury, and he preceded her in death in 1964.

Surviving are a nephew, Mark Allion of Kokomo; a niece, Dolores Ferris of Cement City, Mich.; and three step-grandchildren.

Four brothers, Marvin, Robert, Harley and William Allion also are deceased.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Ivan Parkinson

BUTLER — Ivan E. Parkison, 83, of Butler, died Friday, May 4, 2001, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

Mr. Parkison was a Boy Scout leader for many years and a member of Coburn Corners Church of Christ. He was a retired farmer and bus driver.

He was born Jan. 5, 1918, in Rushsylvania, Ohio, to Harry and Anna (Deardorf) Parkison.

Surviving are two sons, Dale Parkison of St. Joe and Larry Parkison of Union City, Mich; a sister, Zelpha Michael of Detroit, Mich.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Parkison, a brother, Corwin Parkison and a sister, Ida Mae Brand.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler, with the Rev. Douglas Holley officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

Ford Deihl

KENDALLVILLE — Ford Eugene Deihl, 89, of Kendallville, died Friday, May 4, 2001 at his home.

Mr. Deihl was the owner and operator of Deihl's Sporting Goods from 1951-1975, when he retired. He was a member of the Kendallville Elks.

He was born Aug. 29, 1911, in Keyser Township, DeKalb County, to Harry and Bertha (Olinger) Deihl.

On Nov. 20, 1936, he married Ivah Lucille Hochenbarger, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sisters, Olive Frederick of Auburn, Ilif Berrens of Howe and Lois Yarde of Avilla.

Two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Trinity Church United Methodist, with the Rev. Dr. Dave Hoggsett and the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Parkview Health Care Hospice, LaGrange Branch.

Marline Kreischer

HAMILTON — Marline Sue Kreischer, 63, of Hamilton, died Friday, May 4, 2001, at home.

She was born Feb. 2, 1938 in Van Wert, Ohio, to Carl W. and Eileen A. (Jackson) Mjhm. She married Floyd Kreischer, and he preceded her in death in November, 2000.

Surviving are two stepsons, Thomas F. Kreischer of Hamilton and Timothy A. Kreiscsher of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Peggy A. Apger of Hamilton; and three grandchildren, William of Angola, Tasia of Ashley and Jeremy of Van Wert, Ohio.

There will be no service or visitation. Burial will take place at a later date. Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton is in charge of arrangements.

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Ruth Shields

ATLANTA, Ga. — Ruth Evelyn Shields, 92, of Atlanta, Ga., formerly of Kendallville, died at 8 p.m. Friday, May 4, 2001, in Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta.

On Sept. 6, 1908, in LaGrange County, she was born to James B. and Myrtle May (Collins) Bovee. She married Jessie Shields on Nov. 8, 1930, in Angola.

She lived in Kendallville from 1931 to 1955, and lived in Pennsylvania and Florida before moving to Atlanta.

Mrs. Shields was a homemaker and a member of First Christian Church while living in Kendallville.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jerome "Jerry" and Minla Shields, Atlanta, Ga., and a granddaughter, Audrey Shields, Atlanta.

Two brothers, Russell and Harold Bovee, and a sister, Wava McKee, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Bessie Grogg

LAGRANGE — Bessie Janice Grogg, 74, of LaGrange, died at 11 p.m. Friday, May 4, 2001, at her residence.

On Oct. 30, 1926, in Benton, Ind., she was born to Elza and Elizabeth (James) Gage. She married Francis J. "Duke" Grogg in LaGrange on June 26, 1953. He survives.

She moved from Sturgis, Mich., to LaGrange in 1953 and was retired from the LaGrange County Auditor's Office after 15 years of service.

Mrs. Grogg was a member of First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange where she was a former Sunday School teacher. She was also a member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary and a former Cub Scout leader.

Surviving in addition to her husband are a daughter, Sherry Lemp, Fort Wayne; two sons, Michael J. Lemp, Orland, and Gary F. Grogg, LaGrange; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A brother, Robert B. Gage, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Stanley Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Area Deaths

LEO-CEDARVILLE — **Carolyn A. Bollier**, 52, of Leo-Cedarville, died Thursday. Memorial services at 10 a.m. Saturday at Grace Point Church of the Nazarene, 8611 Mayhew Road, Fort Wayne, with a gathering immediately afterward.

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MONDAY, MAY 7, 2001

Zale Feasel

AUBURN — Zale Edward Feasel, 65, died Saturday, May 5, 2001, at 5:20 a.m. at his home on County Road 11-A, Auburn.

He was former owner of Feasel's Inc., retiring in 1977. He had worked at Indiana Auto Auction in Fort Wayne for the past 13 years. He was a devout Catholic and formerly lived in Fort Wayne. He was a Korean Conflict veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and TPA.

Mr. Feasel was born Aug. 27, 1935, in Fort Wayne to Zilas and Golda (Cookson) Feasel.

He married Marilyn Krause on June 21, 1958, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Karen D. Feasel of Valparaiso; two sons, Douglas E. and Michael S., both of Auburn; one sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Floyd Malchow of Scottsdale, Ariz.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Northeast Indiana Cremation Society, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Rise Inc., 1600 Wohlert St., Angola IN 46703.

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Thelma Bertsch

GARRETT — Thelma M. Bertsch, 77, died Sunday, May 6, 2001, at 1:28 p.m. in her home.

Mrs. Bertsch was a Garrett resident for 77 years. She was employed as a practical nurse and worked in child care. She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Bertsch

She was born to Charles W. and Georgia M. (Reed) Neible in St. John on March 20, 1924.

She married Albert L. Bertsch on May 3, 1941, in Defiance, Ohio, and he died July 31, 1990.

Surviving are one son, Robert L. Bertsch of Garrett; two daughters, Sherry Bell of Auburn and Sally Sanders of North Lewisburg, Ohio; five sisters, Margaret Pfeiffer of Kendallville, Donna King, Joan Sylvester and Jean Sezluga, all of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Brenda Sharpe of Pinto, Texas; five grandchildren, Jamie Bertsch of Hudson, Mike Bell of Auburn, Nathan Wilondek of Butler, Lisa Fenning of Angola, and Wendy Bell of of Churubusco; six stepgrandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Mary Elizabeth Bertsch; one son, Charles F. Bertsch; and three brothers, Charles W., Lee Allen and John Neible.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett, with Pastor Lloyd Mealer officiating.

Calling is Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials to the Children First Center in Auburn.

Jacqueline Bleeks

AUBURN — Jacqueline Bleeks, 78, died Saturday, May 5, 2001, at 3:29 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Bleeks was a homemaker and lived in Auburn. She was a member of the Harvest Club of Garrett.

She was born Feb. 23, 1923, in Leomenster, Mass., to William and Yvonne (Bellefeville) Metivier.

She married Hubert Bleeks, who died in 1992.

Surviving her are two sons and one daughter-in-law, William Guy and Nancy Harvey of Scranton, Pa., and Robert Paul Hall Jr. of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Gertrude and Kenneth Judson of Wolcottville, and Diane and John Wallace of Auburn; one brother, Oliver "John" Metivier of Leomenster; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bleeks

One son, Harold Harvey, four brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heimach Senior Center, Auburn.

Robert Daniels

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Robert M. "Rob" Daniels, 20, died early Sunday morning, May 6, 2001, in a one-car accident on U.S. 127 south of Sherwood, Ohio.

He lived in Hicksville and graduated from Hicksville High School in 1998. He would have graduated from Northwest State Community College in Archbold, Ohio, in two weeks. He was employed by Parker Industry in Hicksville. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville.

He was born July 15, 1980, in Hicksville to Ronald and Lois (Johnson) Daniels. They survive.

Also surviving him are one brother, Jeremy Daniels of Lafayette; one sister, Tracy Zeedyk of Hicksville; two nephews, Preston and Zachary Zeedyk of Hicksville; and his grandparents, Ardis Johnson of Fort Wayne, and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Daniels Sr. of Butler.

A grandfather, Johnnie Johnson, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in St. Michael's Catholic Church, with Father Thomas Oedy officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is today after 6 p.m. and Tuesday after 1 p.m. (Indiana times) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. A rosary service will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church or the Defiance County Humane Society.

Dean Rhoades

ANGOLA — Dean Rhoades, 74, of Angola, died Sunday, May 6, 2001, at Porter Memorial Hospital, Valparaiso.

Mr. Rhoades was a retired delivery route driver for Holsum Bakery, Angola. He was a former member of the Masonic Lodge and Shrine Club.

He was born Nov. 28, 1926, in Dayton, Ohio, to Cecil Perry and Wilma Magdolena (Warring) Rhoades.

Surviving are his mother, Wilma Koehl of Vandalia, Ohio; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Nila and Randy Elliot of Auburn, Dawn and Bud Smith of Mongo, Denise and Lyle Hartranft of Corunna, and Barbara Bower of Bluffton; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Mike and Dara Rhoades of Wolverine, Mich., Darin and Shelley Rhoades of Angola, and Danny Rhoades of Dickinson, Texas; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Donna Stewart of Vandalia.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ava Jean (Showalter), on Oct. 19, 1969, and two daughters.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Guillian Barre Syndrome Foundation.

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Garnet Mapes

KENDALLVILLE — Garnet B. Mapes, 93, died at 10:25 p.m. Saturday, May 5, 2001, in her daughter's Garrett home.

She moved to Avilla when she was 7 years old and had lived in Kendallville since 1945. She graduated from Avilla High School in 1926 ranked second in her class. She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, since 1934 and taught Sunday school there for many years. She was also involved in the United Methodist Women and the Lydia Circle. She was a board member and officer of the Noble County Democratic Party and was a past board member of the Noble County Foundation, Albion. In the past she helped a local Cub Scout troop as a leader.

She was born Dec. 23, 1907, in Star City to William R. and Carrie (Freeman) Ross. On Sept. 27, 1933, in Avilla she married William Albert Mapes, who preceded her in death Feb. 15, 1945.

Also preceding her in death were two sons, John Ross Mapes in 1963 and Neil Thomas Mapes in 1970; a brother, Paul Meredith Ross; and a sister, Mary Hoon.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, William E. and Marilyn Mapes of Salt Lake City, Utah; two daughters and a son-in-law, Carolyn and Perry Hirst of Anderson and Marcia Riley of Garrett; a brother, Carl Herron Ross of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Church United Methodist with the Rev. Drs. David Hogsett and Daniel Barker officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the church or Parkview Memorial Hospice.

Gary Maag

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Gary L. Maag, 21, died early Sunday morning, May 6, 2001, in a single-car accident on U.S. 127 south of Sherwood, Ohio.

He was employed by Tri-Wall Industries in Butler and graduated from Hicksville High School in 1998.

He was born Feb. 8, 1980, in Montpelier, Ohio, to Bill and Vivian Schooley. They survive in Hicksville.

Also surviving are two brothers, Jason Schooley and Dakota Schooley, at home; one stepbrother, Frank Schooley of Hicksville; two stepsisters, Malinda Greiser of Montpelier and Renee Schooley of Columbus, Ohio; a friend, Jennifer Miller of Hicksville; his grandparents, Leon Maag of Bryan, Ohio, and Velma Mann of Kentucky; and a great-grandmother, Caroline Maag of Montpelier.

A grandmother, Gloria Maag, and a great-grandmother, Annadell Champion, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville, with Father Thomas Oedy officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is today after 6 p.m. and Tuesday after 1 p.m. (Indiana times) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. A rosary service will be conducted Tuesday at 6 p.m. (Indiana time) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Children's Park Playground in Hicksville.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Merle M. Kibbey**, 88, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are noon Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there two hours before services.

OSSIAN — **Elizabeth Roselie Mahnensmith**, 88, died Saturday at Hospice Home, Fort Wayne. Memorial services are 3 p.m. Tuesday at Ossian United Methodist Church. No calling.

CHURUBUSCO — **Arthur Tomlins**, 72, died Sunday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Memorial services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there an hour before services.

GRABILL — **Marguerite F. Broda**, 69, died Friday at home. Services are 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Name Catholic Church, Beech Grove. Calling is 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Little and Sons Funeral Home, Beech Grove.

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Christian Nissly

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. — The Rev. Christian Raser Nissly, 90, died Friday, May 4, 2001, in the morning at his home in Messiah Village, Mechanicsburg.

He served as pastor of Christian Union Church near Garrett from 1946-59, then continued to reside in the Garrett area until 1987, when he moved to Clearwater, Fla. He was active in Child Evangelism, Youth For Christ and the Garrett Ministers Association. After his years in pastoral service, he was employed by Evangel Press of Nappanee as a sales representative of religious bookstore merchandise. He was also employed by Lutheran Service League of Fort Wayne, a government agency on aging, where he worked with senior citizens in three surrounding counties. He was a member of Messiah Village Brethren in Christ Church in Mechanicsburg.

Surviving are his wife of 68 years, Geneva May (Filley) Nissly; three children, Evangeline Suraj of Clearwater, Fla., Miriam Byers of Columbus, Ind., and Everett Nissly of Cincinnati, Ohio; a brother, Enos Nissly of Miami, Fla.; a sister, Ruth Reed of Chambersburg, Pa.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at Messiah Village Brethren in Christ Church. The Rev. C. Ronald Burgard officiated. Burial was in Grantham Memorial Park.

Memorials are to Messiah Village Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 2015, Mechanicsburg PA 17055.

Conklin Funeral Home, Dillsburg, Pa., was in charge of arrangements.

John Conrad

AUBURN — John Conrad, 77, died Sunday, May 6, 2001, at 8 a.m. in his home on LaForge Lane, Auburn.

Mr. Conrad

He was a lieutenant state conservation officer for Indiana for 32 years, retiring in 1985, and was an independent real estate broker. He was a former DeKalb County Council member, serving eight years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a member of the DeKalb County Sheriff's Association and Fraternal Order of Police, Pokagon Lodge 163.

Mr. Conrad was born June 11, 1923, in DeKalb County to James and Dorothy (Lockhart) Conrad.

He married Eileen Pinnington Steffen on June 27, 1964, in Barker's Chapel United Methodist Church, Waterloo, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, James Eric Conrad of Huntertown and John David Conrad of Auburn; one daughter, Linda Egly of Waterloo, two stepsons, Jimmy Steffen of Waterloo and Larry Steffen of Auburn; two brothers, Wayne Conrad of Ashley and James R. "Corky" Conrad of Auburn; one sister, Mary Ann Feredee of Windemere, Fla.; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Waterloo, officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery with military services by the Auburn post of the American Legion.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Michael Church or the DeKalb County D.A.R.E. program.

Marshall Chaffee

LAGRANGE — Marshall Henry Chaffee was stillborn at 2:37 p.m. Friday, May 4, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

His parents are members of Stroh Church of Christ.

Surviving are his parents, Grant E. and Jennifer L. (McGraw) Chaffee of LaGrange; a sister, Melody Rose Chaffee, at home; his grandparents, Vinnie and Nancy Siders of Angola and Steve and Louan Chaffee of Hudson; and three great-grandparents, Mike and Hilda McGraw of Fort Wayne and Edwyna Siders of Angola.

Graveside services are 3 p.m. Wednesday at Wright Cemetery, Hudson, with the Rev. Michael Hamm officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the church.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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ALBION — **Gerald D. Flack**, 77, died Saturday at St. Vincent Hospital, Little Rock, Ark. Services are 11:30 a.m. Friday at Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville. No calling.

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Billie Spriggs

SOUTH MILFORD — Billie Spriggs, 69, died Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at home in South Milford.

He was a member of The Church of The True God, South Milford. He worked in coal mines in Kentucky as a young man and retired from Newnam Foundry, Kendallville, in 1973 after 17 years.

He was born April 18, 1932, in Floyd County, Ky., to William and Virgie (Johnson) Spriggs. On June 25, 1955, in Angola, he married Norma Rose Swinehart, who survives in South Milford.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Bettina "Tina" Handshoe and Dana and Larry Nagel, all of South Milford; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Tracy and Barbara Spriggs of South Milford and Dean Spriggs; a brother and sister-in-law, Bobby and Betty Spriggs of Kendallville; a sister, Ruby Meade of Kendallville; and five grandchildren, Wendy, Angela and Abigail Handshoe and Samantha and Katlyn Nagel.

Preceding him in death were a son, Gary Allen Spriggs, in 1967; two brothers; and four sisters.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at The Church of the True God, South Milford, with the Revs. Sam Sawyer, Birtchell Mosley Jr. and Glen Patrick officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery, LaGrange County.

Calling is at the church after 5 p.m. Thursday and all day and evening Friday. Evening services are 7 p.m. Friday at the church.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

John Aellig

FREMONT — John M. Aellig, 61, died Sunday, May 6, 2001, at Kendallville Manor Health Care.

He was a foreman for Toledo Scale Co. in Toledo, Ohio, retiring in 1984. He also did auction setup for Kigar Auctions. He lived in Fremont and was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge.

Mr. Aellig was born Aug. 20, 1939, in Toledo to Milton and Dolores (Roder) Aellig. They survive.

He married Mary Jane Wilcox on Jan. 14, 1958, in Toledo, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Jackie Aellig of Harrisville, R.I.; one daughter and son-in-law, Michele and Jim Mueller of Wildwood, Ill.; one sister, Karen Winslow of Toledo; and one grandson, John Michael Aellig.

Services will be held Saturday, May 19, at 11 a.m. in St. Michael Lutheran Church, 5990 W. Temperance Road, Ottawa Lake, Mich., with Pastor Bill Sullivan officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Hettinger

LAGRANGE — Ruth E. Hettinger, 87, died Monday at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

The Akron Township, Mich., native retired in 1978 from the medical supply department at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne, after 10 years.

Surviving are two sons, Donald and Jerry Hettinger, both of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Mellany Mounsey of Lake of the Woods and Judith Arney and Kathy Gunter, both of Howe; a brother, Jack Hoffman of Anaheim, Calif.; 24 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Otto Hettinger, in 1983; a son, Richard Hettinger; and a daughter, Kay Keck.

Services are 2 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday and an hour before services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Kidney Dialysis Center.

Theda Neukom

GARRETT — Theda L. Neukom, 74, died Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at 7:35 p.m., in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Neukom was a homemaker and lived her entire life in Garrett. She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, Skirts & Shirts dance club in Auburn and Pistols & Petticoats in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Corunna on Sept. 15, 1926, to Howard M. and Avah B. (Freed) Krum.

She married Dale D. Neukom Sr. in Ashley on July 3, 1947, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Dale Jr. and Debbie Neukom of Garrett; one daughter and son-in-law, Debra Kay and Pat Casey of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Betty McKeever of Kendallville and Roma Ludwig of Granger; and five grandchildren, Nick, Keri, Brian and Michelle Neukom, all of Garrett, and Lissa Casey of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, June Holmes; and a daughter-in-law, Deborah McCullough Neukom.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in the Garrett United Methodist Church, with Dr. R. Larry Smith officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church.

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Arthur Voirol

AUBURN — Arthur E. Voirol, 90, died Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at 6:50 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

He was a machinist and repairman for International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 26 years, retiring in 1971. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and United Auto Workers Local 57.

Mr. Voirol was born March 3, 1911, in Allen County to Jule S. and Julia N. (Gromeaux) Voirol.

He married Maxine Emenhiser on Aug. 7, 1937, in New Haven, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Dennis of Harlan, Duane of Auburn, Terry of Wolcottville, and Timothy of Spencerville; two sisters, Garnet Girardot and Eileen Lomont, both of New Haven; 16 grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Nadine Collette; a son, Stanley Stephen; five brothers, Cletus, Theodore, Kenneth, Leonard and Chester; and two sisters, Hilda Voirol and Helen Ort.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will be in St. Louis Besancon Cemetery in New Haven.

Calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to masses at the church.

Harley Keller

HAMILTON — Harley Bert Keller, 79, died Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at 6 a.m. in his Hamilton home.

He owned and operated Bert's Bait Store in Hamilton for 50 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Keller was born Sept. 20, 1921, in DeKalb County to Daniel and Maude (McCullough) Keller.

He married Margaret E. Davis on Oct. 22, 1950 in St. Joe. She died April 9, 1996.

Surviving him are two sisters, Edith Petty of Auburn and Bernice Derrow of Corunna; several nieces and nephews; and four stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one stepson, Richard E. Mast, and four brothers, Mack, Don, Ray and Joe Keller.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. David Payne officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo VFW.

Karen Michael

KIMMELL — Karen Ann Michael, 42, died at 7:45 a.m. Monday, May 7, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, where she had been hospitalized since Thursday.

She was living at Oak Meadows Learning Center, Auburn, and was formerly a resident of Kimmell. Due to a malady in infancy, she lived in nursing homes during her lifetime.

She was born Jan. 3, 1959, in Goshen to Ernest and Lois (Sheley) Michael. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Kimmell.

Also surviving are a brother, Timothy Michael of Millersburg; a sister, Terry Hullinger of Albion; three nieces; a nephew; two great-nephews; and a great-niece.

Memorial graveside services are 11 a.m. May 19 at Sparta Cemetery with the Rev. Larry Krebbs officiating.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Oak Meadows Learning Center, 1313 E. Seventh St., Auburn, IN 46706.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Ray Clinton LeCount**, 79, died Tuesday at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen. Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 4-7 p.m. Thursday.

ALBION — **Everett D. Smith**, 80, died Monday at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City. Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Wednesday.

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Velma Diederich

SARASOTA, Fla. — Velma L. Diederich, 95, died Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at her home in Sarasota.

Mrs. Diederich was employed in assembly, and was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

She was born May 21, 1905, in Sycamore, Ohio, to Rolland and Margaret (Nedrick) Carrick.

She married Harry "Dick" Diederich on Aug. 17, 1930, in Garrett. He preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one daughter, Roma Simpkins of Sarasota, and several nieces and nephews.

A sister, Gertrude Hufford, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 5-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to the church memorial fund or Sarasota Hospice.

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Marie "Boots" Joan Hegan

Fort Wayne — 1930-2001

Marie "Boots" Joan Hegan, 71, of Fort Wayne, a lifelong Allen County resident, died Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at home.

The Fort Wayne native had worked as a secretary for an insurance company. Surviving is a son, Shawn of Fort Wayne. Graveside services are 10:30 a.m. Friday at Cedar Creek Cemetery, DeKalb County. There is no calling.

Information provided by E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana 930 East, New Haven, 493-4433.

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Larry Evans

GARRETT — Larry Evans, 47, died Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at 11:30 p.m. in his home in Mishawaka.

Mr. Evans was a plumber and formerly owned Evans Heating and Plumbing in Garrett. He also formerly worked for Tarlton Plumbing and Heating and Gibson Plumbing and Heating. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

He had lived in Mishawaka one year and worked at Church Heating and Plumbing in Elkhart.

He was born July 27, 1953, in Garrett. His parents, John W. Evans and Martha L. (Jordan) Miller, preceded him in death.

Surviving him are a daughter, Jodie Evans of Rantoul, Ill.; a son, Dwight Evans of Sacramento, Calif.; his fiancee, Patricia A. Hall of South Bend; five brothers, Rodney of Avon, Ohio, Jon of Warsaw, Reginald of Kendallville, Paul of Sacramento, and Art of Garrett; two sisters, Penny Wolf of Avon and Patsy Torres of Reno, Nev.; a stepsister, Wilma Gahimer of Garrett; and two grandchildren, Myckenzie and Madyson Franklin of Rantoul.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after 11 a.m. Pastor Jerel Book will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with military services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Memorials are to the family.

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Iylene Swift

FREMONT — Iylene C. Swift, 86, of Fremont, died Wednesday, May 9, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Swift was a homemaker and cook at the former Hitching Post restaurant in Fremont.

She was born March 8, 1915, in Albion to Ray and Viola (Weber) Tritch.

On Nov. 30, 1935, she married Russell Swift in Angola. He died Oct. 28, 1979.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Amielou and Robert Schaeffer of Fort Wayne and Anne and Robert Mounts of Fremont; two sisters, Dorothy Favorite of Leesburg, Fla., and Helen Harris of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A sister and two brothers also preceded her in death.

The Rev. Greg Byman will officiate at private graveside services. There will be no calling. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Fremont Public Library Fund, P.O. Box 7, Fremont. Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Betty J. Ohlwine**, 76, died Thursday at home. Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday.

MIDDLEBURY — **Jonathan A. Yoder**, 75, died Thursday at home. Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at the Clarence Wingard residence with Bishop Ernest W. Yoder officiating. Calling is after 1 p.m. Friday and all day Saturday at the family residence, 56987 C.R. 116, Middlebury.

BREMEN — **Lowell A. "Doc" Drudge**, 81, died Thursday at Community Hospital of Bremen after an illness. Services are 10 a.m. Monday at First United Church of Christ, Bremen. Calling is 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen.

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SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2001

Harley Keller

HAMILTON — Harley Bert Keller, 79, died Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at 6 a.m. in his Hamilton home.

He owned and operated Bert's Bait Store in Hamilton for 50 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Keller was born Sept. 20, 1921, in DeKalb County to Daniel and Maude (McCullough) Keller.

He married Margaret E. Davis on Oct. 22, 1950 in St. Joe. She died April 9, 1996.

Surviving him are two sisters, Edith Petty of Auburn and Bernice Derrow of Corunna; several nieces and nephews; and four stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one stepson, Richard E. Mast; four brothers, Mack, Don, Ray and Joe Keller; and three sisters, Alice Joy Haifley, Bessie Osmun and Lola Camp.

Services will be held today at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. David Payne officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Waterloo VFW.

Evening Star, Sat., May 12, 2001 (cont'd)

Venus Miser

GARRETT — Venus C. Miser, 89, died Friday, May 11, 2001, at 2:20 p.m. in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Miser was a homemaker and a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church. She had lived in Fort Wayne for the past four years.

She was born Feb. 3, 1912, at Royal Center to James and Celestie (Cheever) Sullivan.

She married Charles T. Miser on June 11, 1933, in Kokomo. He died March 14, 1981.

Surviving are two daughters, Patricia Weimer of Garrett and Winifred Kosachook of Cotuit, Mass.; a brother, Dr. James Sullivan of Thorntown; 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Carol Easterday; a brother, Henry Sullivan; four sisters, Catherine Howe, Agnes Sullivan, Alice Schmaltz and Mary Goodrich; and one grandchild.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in the Garrett United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 7-9 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, and Monday from 9:30-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church, the Garrett Public Library Foundation and Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Area Deaths

BELLEVUE, Ohio — **John R. Burk**, 86, died Wednesday, May 9, 2001, at Bellevue Care Center. Services are today at 11 a.m. Ohio time at Immaculate Conception Church, Bellevue. There is no calling. Burial will be at Bellevue Catholic Cemetery. Memorials are to Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne.

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Carl Cook

HAMILTON — Carl C. Cook, 84, of Hamilton Lake, died at 10:53 p.m. on Friday, May 11, 2001, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cook was a former resident of Hicksville, Ohio, where he graduated from Hicksville High School in 1936. He was a World War II veteran who served in the U.S. Army and the Air Corps and was a German prisoner of war. He was a member of the Hicksville Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

He worked as a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Post Office in Hicksville and retired in 1973.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, George Cook.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) at Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. Todd Cook will officiate.

Calling is after 1 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday (Indiana times).

Memorials are to the Nurses Scholarship Fund at Parkview Hospital.

For several years, he spent winters at Palmetto, Fla.

Mr. Cook was born Dec. 27, 1916, in Hicksville to Robert "Doc" and Agusta (Cole) Cook.

On Oct. 10, 1946, he married Dorothy (Roberts) Cook in Covington, Ky. She died Aug. 17, 1979. He married Esther Ankey, who also preceded him in death.

Surviving are three sons, Douglas Cook of Cecil, Ohio, David Cook of Butler, and Dennis Cook of Sequim, Wash.; three sisters, Maude Straley of Hicksville, Ohio, Betty Snyder of Harlan, and Alice White of Franklin Lake, N.J.; and two brothers, Gerald Cook and Robert Cook, both of Hicksville.

Evening Star, Sun, May 13, 2001 (cont'd)

Ada Wagner

KENDALLVILLE — Ada Margaret Wagner, 92, died Saturday, May 12, 2001, at 6:35 a.m. in Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Home in Kendallville, after an extended illness.

Mrs. Wagner was a secretary and worked at Puritan Ice Cream, Kraft Inc. and Kendallville Foundry. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. She had lived in Kendallville since 1929.

She was born Feb. 1, 1909, in Fort Wayne to Henry and Lena (Papp) Koenig.

She married Maurice G. Wagner in Kendallville on Aug. 1, 1929. He died Dec. 31, 1975.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Carol Wagner of Huntertown; two grandchildren, Wendy Wagner of Kouts and Robert Wagner of LaOtto; and three great-grandchildren, Landon, Austin and Benjamin Wagner.

One sister, Georgie Koenig, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. John Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling is Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Home or St. John Lutheran Church.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Glenn Weber

ALBION — Glenn R. Weber, 81, died Friday, May 11, 2001, at 12:03 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Weber was a lifetime resident of Albion. He was World War II Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 246 in Albion. He retired from the Kroger grocery store and also had worked in construction.

He was born in Albion on Dec. 24, 1919, to Victor and Alta (Beard) Weber.

He married Lucille (Sieber) Weber on Oct. 24, 1942, in Wolf Lake Baptist Church. She died March 1, 1978.

Surviving are one daughter, Cathy Kirkpatrick of Albion; three sons, Steve, David and Kevin Weber, all of Albion; four sisters, Thelma Ott, Ruth Norris, Nelda Owen and Floeila Baker, all of Albion; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Floyd and Vaughn Weber; two sisters, Helen Walker and Wanda Jackson; and one son-in-law, John "Butch" Kirkpatrick.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home, 209 E. Main St., Albion, with Tom Ebbing officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery at Albion. American Legion Post 246 will perform graveside military services.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001

Benson Everett

PLEASANT LAKE — Benson Everett, 82, died Saturday, May 12, 2001, at Carlin Park Health Care Center in Angola.

Mr. Everett was a retired quality control inspector at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola. He was also a salesman at the former Alwood Tractor Sales in Angola. He was a World War II Army Air Corps Veteran and a member of the Angola American Legion and the Red Knights Motorcycle club. He was a former member of the Steuben Township Fire Dept.

Mr. Everett was born May 27, 1918, to Judson and Emily (LaRue) Everett.

He married Allene McFadden on Aug. 23, 1941, at McFadden, Ariz. She died Feb. 4, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Phyllis and Douglas Horn of Clinton, Iowa, and Connie and James Reas of Pleasant Lake; one son and daughter-in-law, Ed and Linda Everett of Fremont; five grandchildren, one stepgrandchild and eight great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Lois Greenamyer of Fremont, Cleo Northam and Madalin Hayward, both of Angola, and Mildred Kiehl of Van Wert, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, one brother, one sister, and one grandson, Shawn Everett.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont. Larry Griffith will officiate.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health and Hospice and the Steuben Township Volunteer Fire Dept.

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TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2001

Charlie Smith Jr.

ANGOLA — Charlie B. "C.B." Smith Jr., 71, of Angola, died Saturday, May 12, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smith was an electrical engineer for Magnavox for 24 years and retired in 1991.

Mr. Smith

A U.S. Army veteran, he served with the Signal Corps during the Korean War and was discharged in 1954.

He was a member of Angola United Methodist Church and graduated from North Carolina State University. He lived here for 12 years after moving from Leesburg, Va.

He was born Sept. 28, 1929, in Albemarle, N.C., to Charlie B. and Madeline (Jordan) Smith Sr.

On June 28, 1952, he married Carolyn (Crook) Smith, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and Kevin Shoppell of Angola, and Barbara and Steven Alley of Indianapolis; two sisters, Maitland Harwood of Albemarle, and Jane Toomy of Concord, N.C.; and five grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Angola United Methodist Church with the Rev. Norman Glassburn officiating.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, and Friday from 1-3 p.m. at Hartsell Funeral Home, Albemarle.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 4 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery, Albemarle.

Memorials are to the Angola United Methodist Church, the Steuben County Cancer Society and the American Lung Association.

Area Deaths

SHIPSHEWANA — **Eli J. Schlabach**, 82, died Monday at his daughter Ida Marchand's residence. Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at First Mennonite Church, Middlebury. Calling is 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home. 201 S. Main St., Middlebury.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2001

Louise Carson

FORT WAYNE — Louise G. "Penny" Carson, 79, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Churubusco, died Monday, May 14, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She had been in declining health for the past two years and hospitalized since Friday after suffering a fall at her residence.

Mrs. Carson was born in the Bronx, New York, on Aug. 25, 1921, to Emile V. and Gertrude (Burke) Giannini. She grew up on Long Island and graduated from the Wilford Academy of Beauty in Brooklyn in 1938.

After moving to Fort Wayne in 1948, she worked as a beautician in the salon at the former Wolf and Dessaur's Department Store. She moved to Churubusco in 1957 and owned and operated the Penny Carson Beauty Salon in Churubusco for 15 years, until moving to Fort Wayne in 1975. She retired in 1986 from the beauty salon at J.C. Penney in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of the Hairdresser's Association of Indiana and worked as a volunteer at the Parkview Hospital Gift Shop for several years.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pennie and John Schieferstein of Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, Fredrick M. and Trish Carson of Indianapolis; a stepson and his wife, John D. Jr. and Linda Carson of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Vernon Paul Rose, on Nov. 7, 1972; three brothers and two sisters.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Calling is Wednesday 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to Parkview Regional Oncology Center, Fort Wayne.

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Wandis Gaston

KENDALLVILLE — Wandis J. Gaston, 92, of Kendallville, died at 10:25 p.m. Thursday, May 15, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had been in failing health for one and half months.

On Sept. 10, 1908, in Hicksville, Ohio, she was born to Reverus and Ida (Walterhouse) Glassmire.

On Feb. 25, 1925, she married Herbert Whitford. He preceded her in death on March 17, 1947.

She married Walter Gaston on Jan. 18, 1948. He preceded her in death on May 2, 1997.

She was a housewife and a member of the DeKalb County CB Club.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Edith and Chester Craft of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Virgil and Mabel Whitford of Kendallville, and David and Kay Gaston of Waterloo; eight grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A son, David Whitford, and a sister, Leota Weaver, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jim Kane of the Church of God officiating.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Brimfield.

Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Salem United Baptist Church, Rome City.

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THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2001

M. Marlene Cornell

AUBURN — M. Marlene Cornell, 69, died Tuesday, May 15, 2001, at 2:50 p.m. in a highway accident outside her home on County Road 427.

Mrs. Cornell was a secretary at Dana Corp. in Auburn for 23 years, retiring in 1993. She was a member of Meese Chapel United Methodist Church in rural Auburn, United Methodist Women, Hopewell United Brethren Mission Belles, Jacksonettes Extension Homemakers Club, Gideon Auxiliary and the DeKalb County Council on Pregnancy.

She was born Dec. 31, 1931, in Ann Arbor, Mich., to John and Margaret (Lake) Cook.

She married Dean E. Cornell on June 2, 1951, in Coburn Corners, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Susan Cornell of Friendswood, Texas, and David and Deb Cornell of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Deanna and Ken Smith of Santa Monica, Calif., Katy and Gary Fluitt of Golden, Colo., and Betty and John Grawcock of Ligonier; three sisters, Joan Beers of Huntington Beach, Calif., Donna Bradberry of Moscow, Idaho, and Carol Stanley of Blairsville, Ga.; and 10 grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Hopewell United Brethren Church, 6852 County Road 35, Auburn. The Rev. Eugene Woolever and the Rev. John Erwin will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Hopewell United Brethren Church fellowship hall.

Memorials are to the Gideon Society or DeKalb County Council on Pregnancy.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, is in charge of arrangements.

Genevieve Smith

EL CAJON, Calif. — Genevieve K. Smith, 94, died Saturday, May 12, 2001, in the Chase Care Center in El Cajon, Calif.

She was an Auburn native and lifelong resident before moving to Santee, Calif. She played women's semi-professional basketball after graduation from Auburn High School. She retired from City National Bank of Auburn.

Surviving her are a daughter, Sharon Kuhlman of Santee; a son, Richard Smith of Merritt Island, Fla.; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Edward Smith, and a son, William Edward Smith Jr.

A Mass of Christian Resurrection will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home-Wayne Street Chapel, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

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Susanne Eberly

AUBURN — Susanne K. Eberly, 55, died Wednesday, May 16, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Eberly

Mrs. Eberly was a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker Roth Wehrly for three years. She lived in Auburn and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, the Order of Eastern Star in Waterloo, and the American Cancer Society.

She was born May 25, 1945, in Auburn to Guy R. and Leone (Carper) Christlieb. Her mother survives in Waterloo and her father is deceased.

She married Michael L. Eberly on June 1, 1963, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, Timothy M. Eberly of LaGrange; one daughter, Melissa K. Ketzenberger of Auburn; one sister, Mary Lou Payton of Waterloo; and two grandchildren, August and Greyson Ketzenberger.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after noon. The Rev. William Kaster will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Cancer Society or DeKalb County Hospice.

Orville Treesh

WATERLOO — Orville W. Treesh, 87, died today, May 17, 2001, at 2:10 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

He worked at Dana Corp. in Auburn for 22 years, retiring in 1979. He lived in rural Waterloo.

Mr. Treesh was born April 11, 1914, in DeKalb County to Clarence and Myrtle (Snyder) Treesh.

He married Hazel Louise Garrison on Jan. 22, 1946, in Albion. She died in March 1989.

Surviving are two daughters, Betty Smart and Nancy Lee Shatto, both of Auburn; one brother, Eldon Treesh of Waterloo; and four grandchildren, Guy, John, Jim and Chad Shatto.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Cecil, Iver and Lawrence, and six sisters, Rhoda Brown, Clara Treesh, Ethel Fike, Letha Glick, Metha DeWitt and Tracy Fike.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Bertha Noll

STROH — Bertha L. Noll, 96, died at 10:40 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

The Turkey Lake resident lived all her life in the Stroh area. She retired as a school teacher after 22 years, having taught in LaGrange and Steuben counties. She was a member of Stroh Church of Christ and a 50-year member of Sylvan Chapter 251 of the OES of LaGrange.

She was born Jan. 14, 1905, in LaGrange County to Minor S. and Ella Mae (Ringler) Perkins. On July 11, 1932, in Steuben County she married L. Dale Noll, who preceded her in death July 31, 1981.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Floyd A. Perkins, on Aug. 30, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Joan and C. Lynn Tracey of Wolcottville; a son and daughter-in-law, Carroll D. and Barbara Noll of Wolcottville; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Revs. Robert Kirtlan and Michael Hamm officiating. Burial will be at Lake Bethel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church and the Shepherd of the Hill memorial fund.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Russell R. Bachman Jr.**, 90, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor. Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, with calling there 3-6 p.m. Saturday, and Masonic services there 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

AVILLA — **Doris Kathryn Hobson**, 82, died Wednesday at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. Services are 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with calling there 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday.

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FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2001

Carolyn Randall

ASHLEY — Carolyn J. Randall, 67, died Wednesday, May 16, 2001, at 1:30 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Randall lived in Ashley and worked at Scott's Food Store in Auburn for five years.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1952. She was a member of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Waterloo, and its Rosary Society.

She was born April 3, 1934, in Kendallville to Howard and Christine (Zircher) Lash.

She married Ralph E. Randall on Aug. 16, 1952, in Wichita Falls, Texas, and he survives.

Also surviving her are two daughters, Theresa Ford of Sandusky, Ohio, and Linda Campbell of Angola; one son, Mark Randall of LaGrange; two brothers, Ervin J. Lash of Graceville, Fla., and Bernard Lash of Auburn; and five grandchildren, Christopher and Tanya Campbell, William Ford, and Meegan and Daniel Randall.

A daughter, Christine Randall, preceded her in death in 1984.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. A rosary service will begin at 8 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to masses at the church or the Kidney Foundation.

Richard Kreg

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Richard D. "Dick" Kreg, 67, died Wednesday, May 16, 2001, at 8:45 p.m. He had been in failing health for several months.

Mr. Kreg was a teacher and coached basketball at Harrod, Ohio, from 1956 to 1959. He owned and operated the Wayne H. Kreg Insurance Agency until he retired in 1994. He graduated from Hicksville High School in 1952 and from Bowling Green State University in 1956.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, the Eagles Lodge and Masonic Lodge, all in Hicksville.

He was born Dec. 19, 1933, in Hicksville to Wayne and Lucile (Schooley) Kreg. His mother survives in Hicksville and his father is deceased.

He married Coulleen Leonard on Sept. 3, 1955, and she survives.

Also surviving him are one son, Kevin R. Kreg of Akron, Ohio; and two daughters, Lori L. Kreg of Edgerton and Amy L. Kreg of Portland, Ore.

One sister, Gwendolyn Hesselschwardt, preceded him in death.

Private services will be held at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Hospice-The Caring Way of Defiance County, Heart Fund, or American Cancer Society.

Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, is in charge of arrangements.

Marie Martin

HARLAN — Marie K. Martin, 79, died Wednesday, May 16, 2001, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Martin had worked at Fountain Manor Care Center in Hicksville, Ohio, for many years. She lived in Harlan and was a past member of the Hicksville Eagles Auxiliary, where she served as past president and past secretary. She was a member of the Woodlan schools PTA and Woodlan Music Boosters in Woodburn. She served as a volunteer at Fountain Manor Care Center. She graduated from Harlan High School in 1939.

She was born Oct. 26, 1921, in Allen County to Alfred and Bertha (Ringenberg) Garmater.

She married Maurice Martin on March 4, 1944, in Leo, and he survives.

Also surviving her are one daughter, Chris Rutter of Butler; two sons, Mike Martin of Woodburn and Ron Martin of Kendallville; one brother, Robert Garmater of Harlan; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

One sister, Ruth Garmater, and one grandchild preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. The Rev. Gordon Smith of Grace Fellowship Church in Woodburn will officate. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

Calling is today after 1 p.m. and Saturday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Crisis Pregnancy Center or Lutheran School, both in Woodburn.

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SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2001

Bruce Flint

CORUNNA — Bruce J. Flint, 53, of Corunna, died at 10:08 a.m. Friday, May 18, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Flint

Mr. Flint had lived in Corunna for four years after moving from Kendallville. A retired truck driver, he was a member of the Gospel Lighthouse in Kendallville. He was a veteran of the Marine Corps and served during the Vietnam War.

He was born Nov. 17, 1947, in Kendallville to Claude L. and Joy L. (Walter) Flint.

On July 22, 1991, he married Laurie Gannon, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Asa Flint of Fort Wayne, and David and Mandy Flint of Corunna; a daughter and son-in-law, Starr and Mart Lechleidner of Ashley; and four grandchildren, Harley J. Flint, Haylee Flint, Brandi Lechleidner and Dylan Lechleidner.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Michael A. Flint on May 4, 1978.

Services will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. at the Gospel Lighthouse with the Rev. Carter Hick and the Rev. Zaundra Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling is Sunday after 4 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family. Arrangements are being made by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Wade Dodge

PLEASANT LAKE — Wade H. Dodge, 91, died at 6:22 a.m. Friday, May 18, 2001, in Angola.

The rural Pleasant Lake resident was a lifetime Steuben County resident and a retired farmer. He was a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church and Garrett Masonic Lodge.

He was born at Pleasant Lake Feb. 23, 1910, to Benson and Cora (Hendrickson) Dodge. On June 10, 1924, he married Lois Hughes, who preceded him in death June 6, 1959. On April 10, 1961, he married Mary Arlene McLain, who preceded him in death April 15, 1994.

Also preceding him in death were a daughter, Sally Meredith, in 1977; a brother, Howard Dodge; and four sisters, Sarah Helmuth, Violet Saule, Josephine Crawley and Ruby Brown.

Surviving are a son, Fred Dodge of rural Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Sharon Johnson of rural Hudson; three grandchildren, Jack and Janean Wolfe and Ranee Martin; and seven great-grandchildren, Matt and Kayla Wolfe, Jennifer Shirk, Robbie and Shawn Brem, Alicia Myers and Dakota McRoberts.

Services are 1 p.m. Tuesday at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church with pastors Glenda Woodcox and Susan Beckett officiating. Burial will be private.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and at the church Tuesday an hour before services.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice or the church.

Eleonora Newhouse

OSSIAN — Eleonora B. Newhouse, 76, died Thursday, May 17, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital.

She retired as a registered nurse at Caylor Nickel in 1990.

She was born Feb. 27, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Herman and Clara (Moeller) Rebber.

Surviving are three daughters, Sue Herrick of Kendallville, Pamela Neu of Wolcottville and Sandra Todd of Wisconsin; two sons, Steven Newhouse of Indianapolis and Doug Newhouse of Ossian; two sisters, Adeline Schwartz of Uniondale and Lelah Spencer of California; two brothers, Donald Rebber of Roert Wayne and Herman Rebber of Ohio; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, C. Fredrick Newhouse, March 11, 1998; three sisters, Dorothy Buuck, Wilma Hiener and Lyonora Schuemann; a brother, Robert Rebber; and a granddaughter, Jean Herrick.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at New Hope Lutheran Church, Ossian, with the Rev. Paul Doehrmann officiating. Burial will be at Oaklawn Cemetery, Ossian.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home Ossian Chapel and an hour before services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Donna Jacobs

HAMILTON — Donna Mae Jacobs, 68, died Thursday, May 17, 2001, in the evening at Heritage Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne, where she had been a resident.

Mrs. Jacobs was born April 12, 1933, in Hamilton to Glenn O. and Fern B. (Stout) Duncan.

She married Melvin D. Jacobs, who preceded her in death in 1981.

Surviving her are a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Ron Wilkins of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Robert Duncan of Hamilton and Richard Duncan of Dover, Fla.; two sisters, Ellen Duncan of Waterloo and Julia Duncan of Hamilton; and three grandchildren, Jamie Wilkins, Victoria Wilkins and Christopher Wilkins, all of Fort Wayne.

A sister, Phyllis Hanes, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, with calling after 11:30 a.m. The Rev. David Leitzel will officiate. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorials are to Steuben County Waste Watchers.

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Jessie Platter

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Jessie E. Platter, 93, died Thursday, May 17, 2001, at West Mesa Health and Rehabilitation in Albuquerque, N.M.

Mrs. Platter was a housewife and a former Auburn resident. She was born Sept. 29, 1907, in DeKalb County.

She married Russell V. Platter on July 20, 1936, in Wauseon, Ohio. He died March 4, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Carma J. Myers of Jay, Okla.; a brother, Harvey W. Rennecker of Auburn; three grandsons, Allen J. Arrants of Fort Wayne, Lynn A. Arrants of Florida and Greg L. Arrants of Albuquerque; and several nieces and nephews.

A brother, Herman Rennecker, and two sisters, Joyce Hutton and Gladys Hutton, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be conducted Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn. The Rev. Sid Short will officiate.

Calling is Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Beatrice Ehmke

FORT WAYNE — Beatrice M. Ehmke, 84, died Tuesday, May 15, 2001, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

The Hoagland native was an inspector with Pines of America and a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Surviving are a son, Dennis Ehmke of LaOtto; two daughters, Sharon Schlund of Fort Wayne and Beverly Miller of LaOtto; a brother, Gerald Minnick of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norbert Ehmke, in 1971, and a son, Gary Ehmke, in 2000.

Prayers are 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Mass of Christian Burial is 10 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 2120 S. Harrison St. Burial will be at Ege Cemetery, Noble County.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, with vigil services there at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2001

Charles Hockenberry

READING, Mich. — Charles Wayne Hockenberry, 59, of Reading died Friday, May 18, 2001, in Coldwater, Mich.

Mr. Hockenberry was plant supervisor at CF Gomma USA Inc. in Columbia City for 29 years. He was a member of Eagles Lodge No. 1906 in Columbia City.

He was born March 24, 1942, in Scott, Ohio, to Leslie P. and Alta (Adams) Hockenberry. His mother survives in Pleasant Lake. His father preceded him in death in 1962.

He married Susan Easterday on Nov. 15, 1962, in Coldwater, and she survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Laurie Hoag and Hiedi Hockenberry, both of Quincy, Mich., Pam Hockenberry of Montgomery, Mich., Holly Maynard of Reading, and Sherry Hockenberry of Kalamazoo, Mich.; one sister, Connie Kaufman of Pleasant Lake; one brother, Cloyd Hockenberry of Scott; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

His father preceded him in death in 1962.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with Pastor Carlton "Bud" Freed officiating. Burial will be in Lester Cemetery in Branch County, Mich.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials to the American Diabetes Association.

James Howley

FORT WAYNE — James B. Howley, 64, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, May 17, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Howley retired from Navistar/International Harvester Co. in 1991 after 31 years.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia V. Howley; one son, Mark P. Howley of Butler; three daughters, Deborah A. Alcantara, Karen L. Swisher and Cindy S. Bowers, all of Fort Wayne; one brother, Ralph Howley of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and 14 grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in D. O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials to the SPCA.

Evening Star, Sun., May 20, 2001 (cont'd)

Margaret Eloph

FORT WAYNE — Margaret Kathryn Eloph, 83, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, May 17, 2001, at Parkview Hospital.

A Portland native, Mrs. Eloph worked at Fort Wayne Community Schools and was a member of First Wayne Street United Methodist Church. She also belonged to Star Circle Ladies Group.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathryn Geiseking and Karen Wade, both of Fort Wayne; one son, Harris D. Eloph Jr. of Oak Harbor, Wash.; two sisters, Mary Lee of Fort Wayne and Anna Harding of Lake Wales, Fla.; two brothers, Ervin Thompson of Fort Wayne and Richard Thompson of Auburn; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harris D. Eloph Sr., and a brother.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in First Wayne Street United Methodist Church, 300 E. Wayne St. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in D. O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and one hour before services in the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Rev. Loyal Ringenberg

GRABILL — The Rev. Loyal Robert Ringenberg, 97, of Grabill, died Thursday, May 17, 2001, in St. Joseph Hospital.

Rev. Ringenberg was the founding minister of the Auburn Missionary Church, and served as professor of Bible and church history at Fort Wayne Bible College for 14 years. He had attended Winona Lake School of Theology, was a missionary/educator to Taiwan, and a professor of Bible and philosophy and academic dean at Christ's College near Taipei.

He was editor of Higley Press for nine years and wrote the Bible survey textbook, "The Word of God in History." He was a member of Grabill Missionary Church.

Surviving are a son, William Ringenberg of Upland; two daughters, Dorcas Stuckey of Grabill and Lenore Chernenko of Indianapolis; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rhoda; five brothers and two sisters.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Grabill Missionary Church, 13637 State St., Grabill. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery, Leo-Cedarville.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, and one hour before services in the church.

Memorials are to Taylor University or the church.

Frank Soule

FORT WAYNE — Frank R. Soule, 81, died Thursday, May 17, 2001, in the Arbors at Fort Wayne.

A carrier with the U.S. Postal Service, Mr. Soule retired in 1976 after 33 years of service. He was a member of Forest Park United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 82, VFW and Disabled American Veterans, and was a World War II Army veteran.

Surviving with his wife, Marcile F. Soule, are one son, Fred F. Soule of Fort Wayne; one stepson, Steven Carney of Columbus, Ohio; one daughter, Sara S. Weber of Fort Wayne; one sister, Delores Kock of Garrett; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Forest Park United Methodist Church, 2100 Kentucky Ave. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, with a graveside military service.

Calling is today from 1-5 p.m. in the funeral home and one hour before services in the church.

Memorials to the church.

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MONDAY, MAY 21, 2001

Norman Peterson

FREMONT — Norman Peterson, 82, died Saturday, May 19, 2001, in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a self-employed contractor and farmer, and was a Realtor in the 1970s. He lived in Fremont and was a member of the United Methodist Church.

Mr. Peterson was born April 1, 1919.

He married Lois Emenhiser on March 3, 1946 in Spencerville, and she survives.

Also surviving him are two sons and daughters-in-law, Randy and Terri Peterson of Angola, and Rod and Patty Peterson of Fremont; one daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Dennis Stiver of Auburn; seven grandchildren, Robb Stiver, Cherie Getts, Erin Norton, and Kara, Dana, Kelsey and Megan Peterson; and five great-grandchildren, Morgan, Cayleigh and Bobby Getts, and Jackson and Iris Norton.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after noon. The Rev. William Kaster will officiate. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Hicksville, Ohio.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice.

Evening Star, Mon., May 21, 2001 (cont'd)

Lawrence Boger

STILLWATER, Okla. — Dr. Lawrence L. Boger, 77, died Saturday at 11 a.m. in Stillwater Medical Center.

Dr. Boger was a native of Auburn. He served as president of Oklahoma State University in Stillwater from 1977 to 1988.

Dr. Boger was responsible for many of the university's best facilities. He led OSU's first major capital campaign, which resulted in the Noble Research Center. Under his administration, more than a dozen new buildings were constructed, student enrollments peaked at more than 23,000 and capital expenditures exceeded $200 million.

Dr. Boger

He was instrumental in OSU becoming the parent institution for the College of Osteopathic Medicine in Tulsa. He was a strong believer in technology, especially the power of telecommunications in distance learning. He also supported the OSU Cowboys athletics teams, attending practice sessions and games.

Before becoming president of OSU, Boger had a 30-year career at Michigan State University.

At MSU, he became chairman of the Agricultural Economics Department in 1954. He was named dean of the College of Agricultural and Natural Resources in 1969 and became provost of the university in 1976.

Dr. Boger received his bachelor of science degree with distinction in agricultural economics from Purdue University in 1947. He studied at Harvard University and the University of Chicago. He received his master of science degree with high honors in economics in 1948, and his Ph.D. in agricultural economics, economic theory and international trade, and statistics in 1950, both from Michigan State University.

His college education was interrupted by World War II, in which he served overseas with the 26th Division, was wounded in action and received an honorable discharge. He was decorated with a Presidential Citation, Bronze Star, Purple Heart and ETO Ribbon with stars, and earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

He was born on Sept. 26, 1923 in Auburn, the only son of Lazeal and Lester Boger.

He married Frances June "Frankie" Wilbur, his college sweetheart from Purdue, on Sept. 2, 1945, in Veedersburg, Ind., and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard Lee and Harriet Owen Boger, both of Atlanta; a daughter and son-in-law, Judith Ann and James L. Schlimpert of Stillwater; two grandsons, Owen Richard Boger of New York City and Burke Lawrence Boger of Atlanta; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Luella and Fred Brand of Fort Wayne, and Lenora and Donald Johnson of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater with Dr. B. Gordon Edwards, pastor, officiating.

Strode Funeral Home in Stillwater is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the OSU Foundation for the Boger Graduate Scholarship in International Studies. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at strodefh@aol.com.

Myrtle Bellman

EDGERTON, Ohio — Myrtle A. Bellman, 83, died Saturday, May 19, 2001, at 11:30 a.m. in Parkview Nursing Center, Edgerton.

Mrs. Bellman was a homemaker and had lived in Edgerton for 10 years.

She was born July 7, 1917, in Butler to Fred and Melissa (Worthington) Eck.

She married Lewis Bellman in 1967. He preceded her in death.

Surviving her are two brothers, Frank Eck of Hicksville, Ohio, and Roy Eck of Butler, and two sisters, Helen Baughman of Butler and Mable Peters of Auburn.

Three brothers, Delbert, Russell and Jim Eck, and two sisters, Vada Swain and Wava Nichols, preceded her in death.

Calling is Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. There will be no services.

Burial will be at a later date in Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to Parkview Nursing Center in Edgerton, Ohio.

Area Deaths

SHIPSHEWANA — **A. Peter Sefcsik**, 63, died Saturday at home. Private memorial services will be held.

HUNTINGTON — **Robert Vorhees Rothrock**, 85, died Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor, Huntington. Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and 10-11 a.m. Thursday.

LEESBURG — **Gilbert E. Baumle**, 86, died Saturday at home. Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw.

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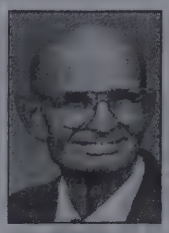
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2001

Lewis Walter

CAPE CORAL, Fla. — Memorial services for Lewis Harold Walter are scheduled for Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, at County Road 40 and C.R. 59, southwest of Butler.



Mr. Walter

Mr. Walter died Dec. 31, 2000, in Cape Coral, Fla.

The Rev. Bill Farmer will officiate at the service. A lunch and fellowship time will follow in the church basement.

Mr. Walter formerly lived in Auburn, St. Joe, Butler and Warsaw. He was a printer by trade and was employed by the St. Joe News, Higley Press and the Free Methodist Publishing House. He worked with youth and area Christian organizations in DeKalb County in the 1950s and 1960s.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Floyd Amsler**, 48, died March 27. Burial was at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Mich.

KENDALLVILLE — **Vera Marie Foor Bodenhafer**, 85, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 4 p.m. Thursday at Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, and 3-4 p.m. Thursday at the church.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Ruth A. Evard**, 62, died Sunday in the emergency room of Whitley Memorial Hospital. Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2001

Gene McMillan

OKEECHOBEE, Fla. — Gene Roland McMillan, 68, of Okeechobee, died Wednesday, May 16, 2001, in Arcadia, Fla.

Mr. McMillan was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a retired truck driver.

He was born May 10, 1933, in Paulding, Ohio, to Opal and Ervin McMillan.

Surviving are two sons, Michael McMillan of Pleasant Lake, and Randy McMillan of New Haven; two daughters, Kathy Wickliffe of Fort Wayne, and Rachel McMillen of Angola; two brothers, Richard McMillan of Tucson, Ariz., and Larry McMillan of Paulding; and eight grandchildren.

There will be no services or calling. Arrangements are being made by the family.

M. Bruce Teller

ANGOLA — M. Bruce Teller, 65, of Angola, died Monday, May 21, 2001, at the Richard L. Roudebush Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Mr. Teller was retired from Tenneco Automotive, where he worked as a machine operator. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Angola Moose Lodge.

He was born March 3, 1936, in Orland to Fern Teller Stover.

On March 3, 1962, he married Maxine Walters. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Todd Teller of Hudson and Jeffrey Teller of Orland; a daughter, Teresa Knight of Angola; a brother, Bill Stover of Kimmell; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, a brother, Stanley Stover, and a sister, Dorothy Soper.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Paul Metzger officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, with graveside military services by Angola American Legion Post 31. Calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to Lake Missionary Church.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Jack L. Keller**, 59, of Avilla, formerly of Howe, died at 10:10 a.m. Saturday in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe, with the Rev. Steve Herendeen officiating. Burial in Plato Cemetery, Plato. Calling is 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

AVILLA — **Lowell D. Weber**, 83, of Avilla, died at 9:16 p.m. Monday at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla. Military graveside services will be done by Avilla American Legion Post 240. Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

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THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2001

Gerald Robbins

AUBURN — Gerald J. "Jerry" Robbins, 86, of Auburn, died Wednesday, May 23, 2001, in Auburn.

Mr. Robbins

Mr. Robbins formerly lived in Fort Wayne and was a firefighter with the Fort Wayne Fire Department for 27 years. He owned the Five Points Barber Shop in Fort Wayne for six years. He was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ and the Retired Fireman's Group of Fort Wayne.

He was born in Fort Wayne on Nov. 23, 1914, to Fred and Victoria (Blust) Robbins.

He married Betty J. Moss on Nov. 9, 1937, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Larry of Fort Wayne and James of New Haven; two daughters, Phyllis J. Shoop of Fort Wayne and Sharon Lewis of Waterloo; two half-sisters, Eileen Roach and Irene Ross, both of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gerald J. Robbins Jr., and a brother, Robert.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lake Avenue Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 and Saturday from 1-2 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ.

Clifford Schlatter

FORT WAYNE —Clifford V. Schlatter, 89, died Tuesday, May 22, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Schlatter was a tool-and-die and pattern maker for Foley Pattern Works, retiring in 1977. He also worked at Essex Wire tool-and-die for three years, Case Tractor Co. in Churubusco for seven years, and Wayne Knitting Miller in Fort Wayne for 20 years. He was a member of Auburn Moose Lodge 566 and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church.

He was born March 22, 1912, in Allen County.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth C. of Fort Wayne; three sons, Roger J. and Duane A., both of Fort Wayne, and Lynn E. of Long Lake; two daughters, Joanne M. Stieren of Columbia City and Donna G. Young of Fort Wayne; three stepsons, James R. Kempf of Columbia City, and Richard A. Kempf and Douglas H. Kempf, both of Fort Wayne; one sister, Garnette Schlatter of Warren; 29 grandchildren and 44 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lucille Yorkovic in 1972, a brother, Morris Schlatter, and one great-granddaughter.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is today from 1-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. A vigil service will be held tonight at 7 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to masses, Parkinson's Association or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

George Harvey

LEESBURG, Fla. — George F. Harvey, 75, formerly of Auburn, died Wednesday, May 23, 2001, in his home in Leesburg, Fla.

Mr. Harvey was a supervisor of the City of Philadelphia Water Works before retiring in 1986, and was a U.S. Navy veteran who served during World War II.

A member of Trinity Evangelical Free Church of Eustis, Fla., he also belonged to the Peter A. Widener Lodge No. 671 of Philadelphia, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the National Rifle Association and the Moose Lodge.

Born in Hamlet, Ind., he was the son of Roy G. and Matilda A. (Barbknick) Harvey.

Surviving are his wife, Marcia (Smith) Harvey; a son, Willard F. Harvey of Philadelphia; three daughters, Mary Ellen Frederick and Jeane M. Grala, both of Pottstown, Pa. and Karen M. Gibe of Waymart, Pa.; two stepsons, Dan Cole and Tom Cole, both of Auburn; three stepdaughters, Sandra Cole of Sturgis, Mich., Holly Diederich of Auburn, and Susan Decker of Waterloo; two sisters, Pauline Wakeland of Bremen and Marge Hathaway of Yoder; 13 grandchildren,12 stepgrandchildren;10 great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandsons.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Norma Rudich.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in St. Aloysius Cemetery, Buchert Road, Pottstown, Pa.

Memorials are to Trinity Evangelical Free Church, 890 Abrams Road, Eustis, FL 32726.

Hock Funeral Home of Pottstown, Pa., is in charge of arrangements.

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Merland Hart

HUDSON — Merland E. "Shorty" Hart, 94, died Tuesday, May 22, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Hart retired in 1970 from Rieke Corp. in Auburn after 21 years of service as a plater operator.

He was born Sept. 29, 1906, in Ossian to Alvin and Julia (Tracey) Hart.

He married Marie Getts on Aug. 19, 1928. She died Oct. 11, 1969.

He married Mildred Rouse on March 26, 1973, and she survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Betty Emerick of Kendallville, June Emerick and Marlene Smith, both of Hudson, Gloria Keezer of New Bavaria, Ohio, and Shirley Clark of Meridian, Idaho; two sons, Keith Hart of Bryan, Ohio, and Ronald Hart of Hudson; two sisters, Retha Conrad of Fort Wayne and Verna Noirot of Kendallville; and one brother, Harold Hart of Van Wert, Ohio; 24 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two children, Eunis and Robert; two brothers, Dallas and Verl, and four sisters, Peggy, Donna, Ethal and Lucile.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Robert Staup officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Friday from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Linda Gipple

ASHLEY — Linda L. Gipple, 53, died Monday, May 21, 2001, at 12:18 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Gipple was a homemaker.

She was born Jan. 11, 1948, in Auburn to Robert and Juanita (Thompson) Brandon. Her mother survives in Little Rock, Ark., and her father preceded her in death.

Also surviving are three sons, Ronnie Gipple of Hudson, Robby Gipple of Hamilton and Damion Gipple of Ashley; two daughters and one son-in-law, Michele Gipple of Hamilton, and Mandy and Chad Shumaker of Ashley; one brother, Robert Brandon Jr. of Auburn; three sisters, Rebecca Oddie of Kendallville, Vicky Harrington of Camden, Mich., and Patricia Cadwallader of Little Rock; and eight grandchildren, Kimberlynn, Austin and Katelynn Shumaker, Sheena Gipple, Tyler Gipple and Ronnie Gipple Jr., Brodie Rhodes and Tori Hayward.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Lisa Roland in 1985, and a granddaughter, Nicole Gipple, in 1999.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with calling after noon. The Rev. Craig Burkholder will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is today from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorials are to the family.

Marion Young

ANGOLA — Marion R. Young, 90, of Avilla, died Tuesday, May 22, 2001, at her daughter's home in Avilla.

Mrs. Young, a homemaker, moved from Angola to Avilla in 1994. She worked as a nurse's aide at Elmhurst Hospital and Cameron Hospital, both in Angola, retiring in 1980 after 20 years of service.

She was a member of the Angola Christian Church and attended Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola. She also was a member of the Hoosier Hills Home Economics Club.

She was born July 11, 1910, in Camden, Mich., to Emmor G. and Nellie M. (Ramsey) Pennock.

Surviving are a son, Charles C. Young of Dakota City, Neb.; a daughter, Barbara J. Swager of Avilla; eight grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne C. Young, on May 14, 1983; a son, Richard W. Young; a daughter, Marilyn Young; an infant brother; and a grandson, Charles Young.

Services will be held Friday at 2:30 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Ron Miller officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Friday from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Genevieve Davis

HUDSON, Mich. — Genevieve I. Davis, 78, of Morenci, Mich., died Wednesday, May 23, 2001, at Herrick Memorial Hospital, Tecumseh, Mich.

She was formerly employed at Fayette Tubular and retired after 25 years of service. For the past 30 years, she had lived in Angola and moved back to the area on Thanksgiving of 2000. She was a member of the Angola American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and the Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars.

She was born Feb. 9, 1923, in Pioneer, Ohio, to Jesse and Effie (Murphy) Lonis.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis and Buster Ekins of Hudson; a son, Thomas Gray of Morenci; a sister, Alverdia Pittenger of Hudson, Mich.; 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Gray; a daughter, Carol Ann McNett; a son, Robert Taylor; and a grandson, Rodney McNett.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at the Eagle Funeral Home, Hudson, Mich., with the Rev. Tom Ball officiating. Burial will be in North Dover Cemetery, Clayton, Mich.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 p.m. (Indiana time) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Frank Flora

INDIANAPOLIS — Frank Flora, 65, died Tuesday, May 22, 2001, in Community Hospital East at Indianapolis.

Mr. Flora was the owner of Barn Village Antiques for 20 years, retiring in 2000, and previously was in the grocery business for 30 years. He was a Mason, a member of Faith United Methodist Church, and lived in Fort Wayne from 1971-1973.

Surviving are his wife, Janice (Smith) Flora; two sons, Jeff and Jay, both of Indianapolis; one daughter, Michelle Cox of Waterloo; two sisters, Charlotta Jean Manis of California and Sandy S. Flora of Indianapolis; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jack Flora.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Flanner & Buchanan Broad Ripple Chapel, 1305 E. Broad Ripple, Indianapolis. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Calling is today from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Parkinson Foundation, the American Cancer Society or Faith United Methodist Church.

Area Deaths

TOPEKA — **Michael Ross Gingerich**, 19, of Topeka, died at 3:50 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, 2001, as a result of a farming accident. Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Emma Mennonite Church with the Revs. Gene Hartman and Harold Gingerich officiating. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka. Calling is from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the church.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Emogene Pauline Cearbaugh**, 83, died Tuesday in Columbia City. Graveside services at 2 p.m. today at St. Matthews Cemetery, Columbia City. Calling from 1 to 1:45 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

HUNTINGTON — **Sister Evelyn Mourey, OLVM,** 81, died Wednesday in Huntington. Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Victory Hill Chapel, Huntington.

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FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2001

Caroline Wells

NEW CASTLE, Ind. — Caroline H. Wells, 91, died early on the morning of Wednesday, May 23, 2001, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn, following an extended illness.

Mrs. Wells was a homemaker and resident of New Castle most of her life. She was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in New Castle, Lutheran Church Women and the Monrovia Circle. She was a former member of Kappa Delta Phi Sorority, A volunteer Gray Lady for the American Red Cross, and a past member of the New Castle Shuffleboard Club.

She was born Feb. 28, 1910, in New Castle to Curtis and Anna (Thomas) Dakins.

Surviving her are two daughters and one son-in-law, Anna Jane and Steve Bell of Auburn, and Linda Ann Perkins of San Luis Obispo, Calif.; four grandchildren and one spouse, Kerry Lynn Morris of Atascadero, Calif., Adam and Andi Davidson of Charlotte, N.C., Paul Davidson of Sherman Oaks, Calif., and Micah Bell of Bloomington; and two great-grandsons, Ryan and Kyle Davidson, both of Charlotte.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Robert N. Campbell in 1972; her second husband, Clarence N. Wells, in 1986; two brothers and four sisters.

Services were held today at 3 p.m. in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, with the Rev. George Silvas and Dr. Clark E. Hobby officiating.

Burial was in South Mound Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church.

Main & Frame Funeral Home, 2011 E. Broad St., New Castle, was in charge of arrangements.

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James Bavender

CENTERVILLE, Ind. — James F. Bavender, 54, died Thursday, May 24, 2001, at Reid Hospital.

He was an industrial engineer, retiring from Dana Corp. after 30 years of service. He lived most of his life in the Centerville area. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, a member of the Dana 25-Year Club, and an avid fisherman.

Mr. Bavender was born June 25, 1946, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to Frederick L. and Mondaline (Meyers) Bavender. They preceded him in death.

He married Linda F. Everett on April 16, 1966, and she survives.

Also surviving are one sister, Deborah Blevins of Auburn; two brothers, F. Lee Bavender of Hagerstown, Ind., and Danny Bavender of Lodi, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Mills Funeral Home, 405 E. Main St., Centerville, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. David Mosley will officiate. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, 7363 E. 21st St., Indianapolis IN 46219.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Mary Nissley**, 90, died Thursday at the home of her daughter, Fanny Mae Bontrager. Services are 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Allen Bontrager residence, 3065N C.R. 250W, LaGrange, with calling there Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday.

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SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2001

Tina Shirely

FORT WAYNE — Tina J. Shirely, 44, died Thursday, May 24, 2001, at her home.

Mrs. Shirely was a homemaker and a native of Fort Wayne. She loved NASCAR racing and football.

She is survived by her husband, Ernest E., of Fort Wayne; three sons, Steven A., Ernest E. Jr. and Ryan M., all of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sarah M. and Bradley Derovin and Kerry S. Shirely, all of Fort Wayne; her parents, Walter E. Sr. and Betty J. Hardesty of Fort Wayne; seven brothers, Gilbert Hardesty of Kentucky, Walter Hardesty Jr. of Claypool, Kenneth Hardesty of Goshen, Keith Hardesty and Timothy Hardesty, both of Fort Wayne, Wayne Hardesty of Fremont and Ricky Hardesty of Huntington; two sisters, Kathy West of New Haven and Penny Hardesty of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne.

Calling is Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Russell Lilly

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Russell F. Lilly, 61, died Thursday, May 24, 2001, at 3:30 p.m. at Hartland of Browning Nursing Home in Waterville, Ohio. He had been a patient there since March 2000.

Mr. Lilly had worked for Graber Homes in Auburn and also had worked in drywall construction. He lived in Hicksville for 32 years and attended Carroll Community Worship Center on Carroll Road in Fort Wayne. He was a past member of the Hicksville Eagles Lodge. He attended Mount Hope High School in Mount Hope, W.Va.

He was born April 27, 1940, in Norwell, W.Va., to Alpha and Evelyn (Allen) Lilly.

He married LaVeda Miller on Feb. 15, 1965, in Harlan, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Yvonne Stahl of Melrose, Ohio; one son, Vick Lilly of Hicksville; one brother, Dennis Lilly of Columbus, Ohio; one sister, Lois Zeller of Beckley, W.Va.; and seven grandchildren.

One brother, Jack Lilly, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in the Hicksville Mennonite Church, with calling after noon. The Rev. Verlin E. Haarer will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is today after 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Memorials are to Carroll Community Worship Center, Carroll Road, Fort Wayne.

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SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2001

Donald Lawrence Shell

LIGONIER — Donald Lawrence Shell, 75, died Saturday, May 26, 2001, at Oak Leaf Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mr. Shell retired from Modulus Corp. in Gary, in 1985. He was a U.S. Army veteran, a member of American Legion Post 243 of Ligonier, and a member of the Open Door Church. He was a taxi driver for the Amish.

He was born on Sept.r 13, 1925, in Montecello, to Howard Neal and Adalene Miller Shell.

He married Mary (Rhoades) Shell of Topeka. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-laws, Jane Alice and John Myers, of Michigan City; Gail Ruth and Garry Stewart of Topeka; and Dawna Mary and Jason Cummins of Goshen; two sisters, Eva Theodorus of Hobart; Madalene Mickey of Crown Point; eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Ellen Kay Shell; one granddaughter; and a brother Neal Shell.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Revs. Paul Maynard and Herald E. Heaton will officiate. Burial will be in Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville.

Calling is from 2 until 4 p.m. and 6 until 8 p.m. Monday at Orr Funeral Home.

Jacob Allan Ochoa

5/18/01

Fort Wayne

Infant Jacob Allan Ochoa of Fort Wayne was stillborn Wednesday, May 16, 2001, at Parkview Hospital.

Surviving are his mother, Gina Parker of Fort Wayne; his father, Aaron Ochoa of Fort Wayne; grandparents Billie Parker and Richard and Brenda Ochoa, all of Fort Wayne, and Lee and Cyndi Parker of Hobart; great-grandparents William and Vivian Allan, Alva and Marilyn Parker and Ed and Linda Wade, all of Fort Wayne, and Floyd and Betty Krontz of Butler; and a great-great-grandmother, Rose Trammel of Auburn. Graveside services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Lindenwood Cemetery, 2324 W. Mair St.

Information provided by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., 426-9494.

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TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2001

Ruby Keister

ALBION — Ruby E. Keister, 82, died at 4:15 p.m. Sunday, May 27, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Noble County. She was a member of Albion Wesleyan Church.

She was born March 19, 1919, in Merriam to Albert and Gertrude (Addis) Keister.

Surviving are four nieces, Donna Snyder of Albion, Barbara Hovarter of Corunna, and Beverly Zuhl and Linda Keister, both of Lake Oswego, Ore.; five nephews, Larry Cooper of Albion, Wayne Cooper of Stroh, Gary and Ron Keister, both of Columbia City, and Barry Keister of Barbee Lake; and two brothers, Nelson and Robert Keister, both of Columbia City.

A sister, Bernice Reed, and a brother, Gerald Keister, preceded her in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Albion Wesleyan Church with the Rev. Eric Ball officiating. Burial will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and at the church an hour before services Thursday.

Memorials are to the Albion Wesleyan Church music fund.

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Carlette Foss

ANGOLA — Carlette Foss, 84, of Angola and formerly of Montgomery, Mich., died Sunday, May 27, 2001, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Foss retired as a custodian at Legg Junior High School in the Coldwater, Mich., school system in 1976 after 10 years of service. She also was a school bus driver and a former cook at Pokagon State Park. She was a former member of Pythian Sisters, Fremont.

She was born Nov. 7, 1916, in Galesburg, Ill., to William and Cora (Locke) McMahill.

On July 16, 1934, she married Maynard F. Foss in Davenport, Iowa. They were married 66 years. He died Aug. 5, 2000.

Surviving are six daughters and sons-in-law, Marlene and Don Meeks of Fremont, Corla and Ron Beams of Indianapolis, Marilyn and Gary Forbes of Kokomo, Alice and David Cuneo of Angola, Chris and Greg Foutch of Scottsdale, Ariz., Susan and Mike Martin of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and Roger and Marsha Foss of South Lyon, Mich.; 22 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Lyle McMahill of Abingdon, Ill.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, two sisters and a brother.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Knauss Cemetery, Kinderhook Township, Branch County, Mich.

Calling is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to breast cance research.

Felix Alexander

AUBURN — Felix Benjamin Alexander, 96, died Monday, May 28, 2001, at noon in his Auburn home.

Mr. Alexander

Mr. Alexander was a mechanical engineer, retiring in 1972. He was president of Alexander Inc. for several years and traveled all over the world. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, an honorary member of the Auburn Rotary Club and a member of the Heimach Senior Center. He was a former member of the Eagles Lodge in Windham, Minn.

He was born Feb. 28, 1905, in King Township, Iowa, to Harry and Mae (Watson) Alexander.

He married Mary Scott on April 19, 1928, in Forest City, Iowa. She preceded him in death on Jan. 16, 1999.

Surviving are three daughters, Frances May Alexander of Auburn, Mary Nelsen of Boulder, Colo., and Marguerite Brude of Houston, Texas; two sons, George Alexander of Willis, Texas, and Wesley Alexander of Fort Myers, Fla.; 15 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Dorothy Alexander, and five brothers, Cecil, Ronald, John, Philip and Hartley.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Heimach Senior Center.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Edie McMaken

COLUMBIA CITY — Edie McMaken, 54, died Monday, May 28, 2001, in Fort Wayne.

She had lived in the Columbia City community 13 years. She worked in the clerical department at Dana PTG division for two years, in clerical at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, for six years, at PHP Insurance for six years and in the clerical department at Time Services for six years. She was active in Big Lake Church of God and Allen Business Women Association.

She was born Oct. 26, 1946. Her mother, Grayce Burgess, survives in Albion. On Aug. 9, 1980, in Indiana, she married Albert L. McMaken, who survives in Columbia City.

Also surviving are two sons, Brian D. Knapp of Redmond, Mich., and Erik P. Knapp of Rhinelander, Wis.; two stepsons, Alan L. McMaken of Wolcottville and Dan D. McMaken of Ashley; two stepdaughters, Vickie L. Ley of Avilla and Cathy S. Bookmiller of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Harold E. Burgess of Fort Wayne and Ed S. Burgess of Albion; four sisters, L. Marlene Burgess of Bluffton and Reba K. Richhart, Ruth Basinski and Sue Garrett, all of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Allen County Cancer Society.

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Marlene Hanes

KENDALLVILLE — Marlene R. Hanes, 63, died at 6:10 p.m. Saturday, May 26, 2001, at home. She had been ill since April 2000.

She was a lifetime resident of the Kendallville area. She was a graduate of Kendallville High School in May 1956. She studied at Ravenscroft Beauty College, Fort Wayne, from September 1956 to June 1957. She took training classes for management and direct sales every three months from February 1981 to April 1983 with World Book-Childcraft.

Mrs. Hanes

From January 1957 to January 1972, she was a beautician at Reed Beauty Shop, Kendallville. From 1962 through 1972 she worked there part-time while raising her family. From April 1978 to February 1981, she was a saleswoman at The Nobleman men's wear, Kendallville. From February 1981 until her death she was a district manager for World Book-Childcraft, servicing schools and libraries in Noble, DeKalb and Steuben counties. She was responsible for hiring and training new recruits and direct selling. She was a library clerk at the Kendallville Public Library.

She was active in the Tuesday Study Club and the Stewardship Committee of First Christian Church. She was a member of Tri Kappa. In the past she had been a room mother, Cub Scouts leader, Girl Scouts leader and Sunday School teacher. She had served as chairwoman of Christian education at her church and on various church committees, and served on the program committee at the YMCA and the election board. She was previously chairman of several committees for Tri Kappa.

She was born March 23, 1938, in Kendallville to Millard P. and Telia (Reed) Newman. On Dec. 22, 1957, in Kendallville, she married Duane L. Hanes, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Tom and Cathy Aumsbaugh of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Marie Hanes of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Richard Miller of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday in the First Christian Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Thomas Clothier of that church officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, and at the church Thursday an hour before services.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church building fund.

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Evelyn Leas

PLEASANT LAKE — Evelyn Ruth Leas, 83, of Pleasant Lake, died March 30, 2001, in Waco, Ky.

She was born Feb. 3, 1918, to Fred and Iva Ford. She married Burdett Leas on Sept. 14, 1938. He died in 1995.

Surviving are a daughter, Susan Noblett of Waco, Ky.; a granddaughter, Lynn Noblett of New York City; and three sisters, Dorris Kennedy of LaGrange, Jennie Halsey of Pleasant Lake and Violet Curtis of Kentland.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Edna German, in 1993.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Bertha Timm

FREMONT — Bertha E. Timm, 99, of Fremont and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Monday, May 28, 2001, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Timm was an employee of Fisher Brothers Paper Co., Fort Wayne. She enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, animals and music.

She was born April 3, 1902, in Fort Wayne, to Phillip E. and Pauline (Gepfert) Werkman.

Surviving are two nieces, Eleanor Kirkpatrick of White Lake, Mich., and Vera Jones of Albuquerque, N.M.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gustav F. Timm, on Dec. 18, 1985, and a sister and a brother.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, June 5, at 1 p.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Donald Rauhut officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army.

Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Evening Star, Wed., May 30, 2001 (cont'd)

John Cart

LAGRANGE — John J. Cart, 80, died at 1:40 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

He was retired from the maintenance department of ANR Pipeline, LaGrange. He lived all his life in LaGrange County. He was a member of Valentine United Methodist Church and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps in World War II.

He was born Dec. 26, 1920, in Elkhart County to Lloyd A. and Goldie Marie (Clark) Cart. On Nov. 10, 1943, in Albion, he married Mildred Jean Parker, who preceded him in death Oct. 28, 1998.

Two sisters, Eloise Gall and Audrey Sparklin, and two brothers, Stanford and Edward Cart, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Roger Bauman of LaGrange; two sons, Dennis L. Cart of Jonesboro and Thomas J. Cart of Angola; five grandchildren; and three foster grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Titus Speicher Jr. officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Area Deaths

LIMA, Ohio — **Ethel Sarka**, 70, died Wednesday at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, Ohio. Services were 1 p.m. Saturday at Hanson-Neely Funeral Home, Alger, Ohio.

LAGRANGE — **Della M. Scott**, 71, died Tuesday at LaGrange Community Hospital. Services are 1 p.m. Thursday at Shipshewana United Methodist Church. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home, Howe.

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LaMar Smith

ANGOLA — LaMar Eugene Smith, 66, of Angola, died Tuesday, May 29, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smith was a farmer and a member of the Clear Lake Lutheran Church, past president of the Hamilton Community Schools board, past president of the Edon, Ohio, Farmers Co-op, past president of the Clear Lake Lutheran Church board and past trustee of the Richland Township board.

He was born March 17, 1935, in Steuben County to R.T. and Mildred (Van Auken) Smith. His father survives in Hamilton.

On March 2, 1958, he married Maleen (Stegelmann) Smith, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Stephen E. Smith of Blissfield, Mich.; a daughter, Brenda Smith of Indianapolis; a sister, Phyllis Rowe; and a grandchild, Peter A. Smith.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Clear Lake Lutheran Church with Pastor Donald Rauhut officiating. Burial will be in Clear Lake Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to Clear Lake Lutheran Church.

Jack Glaze

FORT WAYNE — Jack G. Glaze, 73, died Wednesday, May 30, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Fort Wayne native retired in 1990 as a senior design engineer for Dana Corp. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy in World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Kareen H. Glaze; a son, Gary G. Glaze of Kendallville; a daughter, Dian K. Furnnis of Boubonnais, Ill.; four stepsons, David R. Lochner of Auburn, Michael L. Lochner of Angola, Randy A. Lochner of Edgerton and Jeffrey D. Lochner of Bradenton, Fla.; five sisters, Lois J. Anweiler of Avilla, Carol I. Newman of Fort Wayne, Sue E. Johnson of New Haven, Alice M. Lindemann of Tocsin, and Kay N. Deal of Dayton; three brothers, Larry C. Glaze of Rainer, Ore., Charles M. Glaze of Cleveland and Ray A. Glaze of New Haven; two grandchildren; and eight stepgrandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road. Burial will be at Concordia Cemetery Gardens with military graveside services by American Legion Post 47.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, with American Legion Post 47 services at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the United Cerebral Palsy Association, 1660 L. St. NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20036-5602.

Evening Star, Thurs., May 31, 2001 (cont'd)

Mary Coleman

BIG TURKEY LAKE — Mary Helen Coleman, 82, died at 11 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, 2001, at Cameron Hospital Emergency Room, Angola. She had been in failing health the last six months.

She worked for 14 years at Stillman's Shoe Repair Shop, Muncie. She was a homemaker later in life. She and her husband moved to Big Turkey Lake in 1970. She was a member of Five Corners Baptist Church north of Wolcottville. She had lived with her daughter since 1998.

Mrs. Coleman

She was born Jan. 7, 1919, to Floyd and Bessie (Hahn) Jones. On July 29, 1950, in Muncie, she married Robert H. Coleman, who preceded her in death Jan. 26, 1999.

Her stepfather, Tom Allie, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Neallyce Kay Staudinger of Hudson and Cheri Lee High of Middletown; a half-brother, Emmett Duncan of Muncie; six granddaughters; four grandsons; 15 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Five Corners Baptist Church on S.R. 9 north of Wolcottville with the Rev. Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will be at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Muncie, with a committal service at the chapel there at about 1:30 p.m.

Calling is after 3 p.m. Friday at the church, with a special church service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the church or the family.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Charles Harrison

AVILLA — Charles Harrison, 80, died at 5:40 a.m. Monday, May 28, 2001, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

The Avilla resident was born April 2, 1921, in Logansport to Charles B. and Nola (Cragan) Harrison.

Surviving is a brother, Jack L. Kitterman of Thonotosassia, Fla.

Three brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville. Burial will be at Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is noon-1:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2001

John Ringler

AUBURN — John Warren Ringler, 78, died Thursday, May 31, 2001, in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

Mr. Ringler had lived in Auburn. He was an insurance agent with Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for 26 years, retiring in 1983.

He was a member of the Auburn Rotary Club, Metropolitan Veterans Association and the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. He loved sports, especially basketball, baseball and watching his granddaughter play softball.

Mr. Ringler

Mr. Ringler graduated from Wolcottville High School in 1941.

He was born Feb. 25, 1923, at Wolcottville to Francis W. and Laura H. (Sailors) Ringler.

He is survived by his wife, Janice A. (Kreischer) Ringler; a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Mike Harris of St. Joe; five grandchildren, Scott Ringler of Oklahoma, Geoff Harris of St. Joe, Monica Ringler Wells and Robbin Ringler, both of Angola, and Jaima Harris of St. Joe; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Paul Ringler of Paulding, Ohio, and Donald G. Ringler of Wolcottville; four sisters, M. Joan Rossman of Sturgis, Mich., Nila I. Burkey of Wolcottville, Laura M. Bowdish of Sturgis, Mich., and Helen I. Busk of Cadillac, Mich.; and a daughter-in-law, Karen Ringler of Angola.

He was preceded in death by a son, Rodney John Ringler, in 1992; three brothers, Harold, Homer and Carl; and two sisters, Violet Wood and Elner Miller.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 3-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Juvenile Diabetes Association or St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Evening Star, Fri., June 1, 2001 (cont'd)

David McNamara

AUBURN — David Lee McNamara, 50, of Auburn, died Wednesday, May 30, 2001, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Mr. McNamara was a U.S. Army veteran who served in Vietnam. He worked at Parker Hannifin in Ashley.

He was born April 16, 1951 in DeKalb County to Robert Marcellus and Miriam Virginia (Parker) McNamara.

He married Cathy Johnsonbaugh in Butler on May 22, 1971, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, David and Robbie, both of Auburn; two sisters, Beverly Albright of Kendallville and Linda Brumbaugh of Garrett; two brothers, Joseph of St. Joe and Larry of Dayton, Ohio; one half-brother, Robert J. McNamara of Wawaka; and three grandchildren, Alexis Mercedes McNamara, Bailee Scott McNamara and Blake Justin McNamara.

His parents and one daughter, Melissa Lee McNamara, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Mildred Hanna

ANGOLA — Mildred W. Hanna, 84, died Wednesday, May 30, 2001 at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Hanna was a homemaker and a member of the Angola Church of Christ.

She was born June 7, 1916, in Angola to Glen and Edna (Burch) Rozell.

On Nov. 24, 1938, she married Keith D. Hanna in Humphreys Chapel in the Garden, Angola. He died April 2, 1998.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Richard Klink of Angola; a sister, Peggy Owens of Coldwater, Mich.; and a granddaughter, Jennifer Klink-Fee of Angola.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Johnson-Klink Funeral Home in Angola, with Michael Hamm officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from 12:30-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Angola Church of Christ or the Alzheimer's Association.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **John A. Cain**, 77, died Thursday at home. Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, and an Elks Lodge service at 7:45 p.m. Sunday.

Mr. Cain

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SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2001

Leah Grocock

LAOTTO — Leah F. Grocock, 93, died at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla on Friday, June 1, 2001, at 8:41 a.m.

Mrs. Grocock was a homemaker and had retired from the St. James Restaurant in Avilla. She was a lifetime LaOtto resident before moving to Provena Sacred Heart Home seven years ago.

The daughter of Ivan and Pearl (Birch) Huffman, she was born Aug. 26, 1907, in Columbia City.

She married Elmer G. Grocock on Oct. 16, 1923, in Churubusco. He died Dec. 15, 1983.

She is survived by three daughters, Bernadean "Bunny" Miller of Garrett, Margaret C. McNally of Anderson and Betty Sierra of Plano, Texas; three sons, Guy "Skeeter" Grocock of Avilla, Ira Grocock of Kendallville and Ray Grocock of Avilla; 15 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by one brother, Bernie Huffman; three sisters, Mildred Addis, Doris Huffman and Beulah Gaerte; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery in Huntertown.

Calling is Monday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Provena Sacred Heart Home Bus Fund.

Evening Star, Sat., June 2, 2001 (cont'd)

Olivia Eck
Katrina Eck

BUTLER — Olivia L. Eck and Katrina J. Eck died Wednesday, May 30, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Olivia was stillborn and Katrina lived 1 hour and 20 minutes.

They are survived by their parents, Jimmie Dale and Angela Marie (Hickman) Eck; their grandparents, Jimmie Dale and Glenda Eck of Butler and Patricia and Mike Hickman of Ashley; and their great grandparents, Roy and Pauline Eck of Butler, Roland and Maribel Wegmann of Butler, and John and Bea Hickman of Spencerville.

Private graveside services are to take place today with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Butler Fire Department and Butler Community Day Care.

Arrangements were made by the Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Brett Baber

AUBURN — Brett Thomason Baber, 30, died Wednesday in Jackson, Tenn.

He was a lifelong resident of Auburn and worked as a heavy equipment operator.

He was born Aug. 2, 1970. His father, Charles M. Baber, died in 1994. His mother, Vida Sue Baber-Besherse, survives in Ardmore, Okla.

He also is survived by three brothers, Jeffrey L. Baber of Fort Wayne, Gregory M. Baber of Auburn and Christopher T. Baber of Auburn; and one sister, Retha L. McElroy of Angola.

A memorial service will take place Monday 7 p.m. at Meese Chapel, County Road 60, Auburn, with the Rev. Eugene Woolever officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 5-7 p.m. at Meese Chapel.

Memorials are to the church.

Ruth Fowler

BUTLER — Ruth M. Fowler, 79, died Friday, June 1, 2001, at 6:32 a.m in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home.

Mrs. Fowler was a Butler resident and a retired laborer.

She was born on Aug. 8, 1921, in Norwalk, Ohio, to Lucias L. and Dorothy M. (Taylor) Love.

On Dec. 21, 1940, in Waterloo, she married William Fowler. He died Oct. 4, 1983.

Surviving are a son, Floyd Fowler of Corunna; a daughter, Margaret Stephens of Akron, Ohio; three sisters, June Beard of Pleasant Lake, Edith Souder of Gurly, Ala., and Diane Blackburn of Angola; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, William Love and Robert Love, and one sister, Mary West.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Ramona Slabaugh

WOLCOTTVILLE — Ramona J. Slabaugh, 70, died at 4:38 p.m. Thursday, May 31, 2001, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

She lived all her life in LaGrange County. She retired from Sealed Power Corp., LaGrange, having worked there from 1969-1984.

She was born July 23, 1930, in LaGrange County to David D. and Zelma L. (Firestone) Hart. On March 17, 1973, in Wolcottville, she married Perry D. Slabaugh, who preceded her in death July 30, 1997.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Herbert R. Jr. and Rhonda Levitz and Danny A. and Brenda Levitz, both of Angola; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Roselma and Bill Slone of Wolcottville, Marlene Levitz and Roberta and Charles Hill, all of LaGrange, Cynthia and Vernon L. Yoder of Howe and Carolyn and Danny Price of Topeka; a stepdaughter and her husband, Betsy and Harold Fannin of Morgantown; a stepson, Danny E. Slabaugh of Georgia; a brother, Teddy C. Hart of Stroh; 25 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials to the donor's choice.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2001

Phyllis Hart

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Phyllis J. Hart, 76, died just after midnight, Saturday, June 2, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient for the past week.

Mrs. Hart resided on North Main Street in Hicksville. She worked at Quisno's Plumbing and Heating in Antwerp, Ohio, as a bookkeeper for 18 years.

She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church at Hicksville. She graduated from Antwerp High School with the class of 1942.

She was born Oct. 3, 1924, at Antwerp to Paul W. and Orpha (Shaw) Overmyer.

In 1942 at Greenup, Ky., she married Walter Hart. He survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Joyce Shadrach of Hicksville; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Betty Pocratsky of Hicksville; and one brother, Donald Lee Overmyer of Bluffton, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Rex and Jack Overmyer; two sisters, Helen Overmyer and Doris Conner; one daughter, Beverly; a grandson, Kyle; and a great-grandson, Randy.

Services will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home at Hicksville. The Rev. Tom Graves, pastor of Hicksville Trinity United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery at Hicksville.

Calling is Monday from 1-8 p.m. (Indiana time) at the funeral home.

Lois McDougall

AUBURN — Lois E. McDougall, 104, died Saturday, June 2, 2001, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. McDougall was a homemaker and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 7, 1897, in Cleburn County, Ark. to Jess and Mary (Blevins) Wideman.

She married Louis R. McDougall on June 9, 1917, in Auburn. He died in 1971.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Basil and Maris McDougall of Fort Wayne; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Geneva and Harley Sigler of Auburn, Demaris Rice of Farmer, Ohio, and Vada and Bill Albright of Waterloo; a sister, Clara Welch of Seattle; 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, two sisters and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn. The Rev. Thomas Vanselow will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

David Hoeppner

WOLCOTTVILLE — David A. Hoeppner, 58, died Thursday, May 31, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Fort Wayne native worked at Ingram Distribution for more than 10 years as a supervisor. He most recently lived in Wolcottville. He enjoyed fishing.

Surviving are his wife, Melinda L. Hoeppner; three daughters, Anita Mather, Roberta Carroll and Deborah Langin, all of Fort Wayne; a sister, Karen Theye of Cincinnati; seven grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren.

A brother preceded him in death.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Monday at Hockemeyer and Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Ina Swain

KENDALLVILLE — Ina M. Swain, 85, died at 3:15 p.m. Friday, June 1, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville. She had been ill since April 26.

She was a graduate of Kendallville High School and Ball State Teacher's College. She was a lifetime area resident. She taught first grade for 32 years — two years in Garrett, two years in Ligonier and the rest of that time in Kendallville. She was a member of First Christian Church, Kendallville; the Noble County Retired Teachers Association; and the Indiana Retired Teachers Association. She was a past member of BPW. She had lived at Shepherd of the Hill since 1993.

She was born Jan. 2, 1916, in Noble County to John and Emma (Wortinger) Uhl. On June 3, 1951, in Kendallville she married Robert Martin Swain, who preceded her in death Dec. 13, 1987.

Two sisters, Cora Hall and Bertha Newman, and one brother, Fred Uhl, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are three nieces, Veryle (Beiswanger) Weimer of Kendallville, Fern Belt of Sturgis, Mich., and Hazel Radant of Pennsylvania; a nephew, Richard Newman of Sturgis, Mich.; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill.

Evening Star, Sun., June 3, 2001 (cont'd)

Burnis Knox

KENDALLVILLE — Burnis Knox, 74, of Kendallville, died Thursday, May 31, 2001, at 8:30 p.m. at his residence. He had been ill for three months.

He resided in Kendallville for 47 years, coming from Kentucky. He was retired from Kendallville Iron & Metal as a truck driver for 12 years. Prior to that he worked for the Kendallville Street Department for 12 years and had been a foundry worker. He was a World War II Army veteran and was a member of the Kendallville VFW.

Mr. Knox

He was born Oct. 25, 1926, in Wayland, Ky., to Howard and Ada (Hicks) Knox.

On March 13, 1948, in Paintsville, Ky., he married Cleta Mae Manns, who survives.

Other survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Van and Rita Knox of Kendallville and Bill and Suzie Knox of Corunna; two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Danny Spencer and Sandra and Keith Holden, all of Kendallville; four sisters, Hettie Loucis of Garrett, Ky., Brenda Conley of Mississippi, and Hattie Hicks and Birdie Compton, both of Kendallville; three brothers, Ernest Knox, Arvin Knox and Arnold Knox, all of Kendallville; 12 grandchildren, Michelle Jaquay, Whittany Holden, Brad Knox, Matt Spencer, Tyler Knox, Erich Holden, Krystall Strock, Kylen Branham, Corey Spencer, Justin Knox, Alex Knox and Zach Holden; and eight great-grandchildren, Colton Jaquay, Allison Knox, Rieley Hobson, Don Strock, Jami Jaquay, Kayne Hobson, Reece Hobson and Clay Strock.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Sharon K. Branham, on Sept. 9, 1990; one sister, Maudie Cordial; and three brothers, Curtis Knox, Otis Knox and Anthony Knox.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Zion United Baptist Church, Valentine, with the Revs. Willie Collins and Russell Manns officiating.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Visitation will be today after 4 p.m. at Zion United Baptist Church, where there will be a 7 p.m. service.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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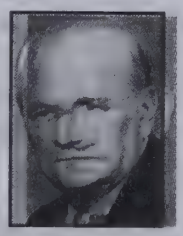
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2001

Frank Garavaglia

AUBURN — Frank J. "Tony" Garavaglia, 86, died Sunday, June 3, 2001, at 11:30 a.m. at his daughter's home in Auburn.

He was the personnel manager for Bohn Aluminum in Butler, retiring in 1978.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn, Auburn Moose Lodge 566, Legion of the Moose, Fellowship of Moose, and the Lombardi Association of Detroit. He was also a former governor of Moose Lodge 566 and was Moose of the Year.



Mr. Garavaglia

Mr. Garavaglia was born Oct. 10, 1914, in Detroit to Peter and Maria Garavaglia.

He married Juliette DeGryse on June 25, 1941, in Detroit. She died March 8, 1994.

Surviving him are a daughter and son-in-law, Dianne M. and Thomas E. Souder of Auburn; two brothers, Charles Garavaglia and Angelo Garavaglia, both of Detroit; two grandchildren, Kim Horstman of Auburn and Frank G. Souder of Fort Wayne, and four great-grandchildren, Nicholas, Lauren, Alex and Elizabeth.

One brother, Harry, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with calling after 10 a.m. Father Dave Carkenord and Father Chuck Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A Moose service will be conducted Tuesday at 6 p.m. and a rosary service at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to masses at the church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Evening Star, Mon., June 4, 2001 (cont'd)

Wava Livelsberger

KENDALLVILLE — Wava D. Livelsberger, 86, died Saturday, June 2, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Livelsberger was a homemaker and former Butler resident. She graduated from Montpelier High School in Ohio in 1932.

She was born Aug. 8, 1914, in LaGrange to Lewis and Mary (Frick) Yost.

She married Wilford P. Livelsberger in November 1937 in Angola. He died in 1988.

Surviving her are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Keith B. Miller of Auburn, and JoAnn and Jerry Olinske of Angola; two grandchildren, Sarah Schmidt of Cromwell and Emily Carper of Auburn; and three great-grandchildren, Nickolus and Zackory Carper and Morgan Schmidt.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Waterloo Cemetery, with the Rev. Kathie Hostetter officiating.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Howard Holcomb

FREMONT — Howard R. Holcomb, 74, of Fremont, died at 10:57 a.m. Saturday, June 2, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

In LaGrange on April 1, 1927, he was born to Lester and Edith (Krontz) Holcomb. He married Ruby Schlabach, who preceded him in death in 1994. In November 1995, he married Kathleen Stroh in Mongo.

He worked for the LaGrange County Highway Department for 10 years, and was retired as maintenance supervisor from the City of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Holcomb was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Surviving in addition to his wife are his mother, Edith Wise of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Donna Holcomb of LaGrange; a daughter, Mrs. Bill (Gwen) Bard of New Haven; a brother, Glen Holcomb of Bradenton, Fla.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A sister, Betty Combs, preceded him in death in 1974.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to East Springfield United Methodist Church or New Haven United Methodist Church.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2001

Richard Marti

SOUTH MILFORD — Richard W. "Dick" Marti, 69, died at 3:05 p.m. Sunday, June 3, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health for six years.

The 1949 graduate of Avilla High School lived in South Milford for 34 years, moving from Cree Lake. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in the Korean War. He worked at Kraft Foods, Kendallville, for 35 years, retiring in November 1994. He was the caretaker of South Milford Cemetery from 1978 to 1988. He was a member of Kendallville American Legion Post 86 and St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville.

He was born Oct. 3, 1931, in Kendallville to Raymond and Alma (Hammel) Marti. On Oct. 3, 1959, in Kendallville, he married Gail S. Poyser, who survives in South Milford.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Brent Marti of Auburn and Kevin and Kim Blue Marti of Kendallville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kathy and Tom Jackson of South Milford and Terry Jo Godfrey of South Milford; a sister, Doris Schlotter of Avilla; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Faith Marti of Kendallville; another sister-in-law, Eunice Marti of Garrett; and five grandchildren, Jeremiah Godfrey, Levi and Brian Jackson and Kasie and Cliff Meyer.

A brother, Don Marti, preceded him in death.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Richard Lyth of South Milford United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at South Milford Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Noble County.

Evening Star, Tues., June 5, 2001 (cont'd)

Charles Keen

COLUMBIA CITY — Charles W.E. "Chuck" Keen, 50, died Sunday evening, June 3, 2001, at his Columbia City home.

Mr. Keen was a former Auburn resident, moving to Columbia City in 1976. He graduated from DeKalb High School in 1969 and attended Purdue University, where he studied entomology.

Mr. Keen

He worked at SWAT Team Pest Control in Columbia City for the past seven years full-time and for three years part-time. He also had worked at Penguin Point, Jimmie's Pizza, Burger Chef and Redman's Plumbing & Heating, all in Columbia City, and at Whitley Manufacturing in South Whitley.

He was a member of Columbia City American Legion Post 98 and attended St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church in Columbia City. He was a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps., serving during the Vietnam War from 1969 to 1971, specializing in the study of ammunition and demolition.

Mr. Keen was born Nov. 24, 1950, in Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett to Wayne L. and Charlotte A. (Ensign) Keen. His mother survives in Warsaw and his father preceded him in death.

He married Sue Ann Cornelius on March 25, 1972, in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Stacey N. and David Hinen, Trista M. and Jason Winterrowd, and Katrina K. and Randy Shelmadine, all of Columbia City; three sisters and one brother-in-law, Becky M. Bever of Leesburg, Jan and Don Hatton of Fort Wayne, and Nila K. Ward of Kendallville; and two grandchildren, Eric Kenneth Barrye Hinen and Haidyn Irene Hinen, both of Columbia City.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with military graveside rites by Columbia City American Legion Post 98.

Additional calling is today from 2-8 p.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with a rosary service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Pediatric Coronary Care Unit at Riley Hospital for Children.

Charles Rhetts Jr.

GARRETT — Charles C. Rhetts Jr., 80, died Sunday, June 3, 2001, at 1:40 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rhetts was an attorney for 23 years and served as DeKalb County public defender for 17 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and the National Rifle Association. He lived in Garrett.

Mr. Rhetts

He was born Aug. 3, 1920, in Marion to Charles C. Rhetts Sr. and Elsia (Maxwell) Rhetts.

He married Rebecca B. Butterworth on Feb. 14, 1948, in Marion. She died Jan. 4, 1997.

Surviving him are one son, Chuck Rhetts of Rome City; two daughters, Leslie Lloyd of Clinton, Md., and Sue Miller of Garrett; one brother, George Rhetts of Marion; one sister, Harriet Wooldridge of Winfield, Kan.; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, in rural Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett Public Library.

Leroy Rowe

ANGOLA — Leroy Rowe, 87, of Angola, died Sunday, June 3, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rowe was the retired owner of Rowe Construction. He served as a journeyman tool-and-die maker during World War II. He was a member of Doric Lodge No. 362 F &AM, Ridgeville. He was an avid sportsman and a champion horseshoe pitcher.

He was born April 18, 1914, in Farmland to Oscar and Gertrude (Keyes) Rowe.

On Sept. 3, 1939, in Angola, he married Marian (Stroh) Rowe, who preceded him in death on Sept. 29, 1980.

Surviving are three daughters and three sons-in-law, Barbara and Terrence McCormick of Rockford, Ill., Karen and John Dado of Schererville, and Rita and Charles Nedele of Angola; a son and a daughter-in-law, Martin and Cindy Rowe of Angola; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and a brother, Marvin Rowe.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Margaret Bookout, and a brother, Robert Rowe.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Tim Seever officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis.

Area Deaths

WARSAW — **Kayla Diane Archer**, infant, died Saturday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. Private graveside services will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2001

Fern Moughler

AUBURN — Fern Alto Moughler, 88, died Tuesday, June 5, 2001, at 4:35 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Moughler had worked as a seamstress for the former Marshall's Clothing in Butler. She was a member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club and a former member of the Baptist Church of Garrett. She most recently attended the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

She was born Jan. 20, 1913, in Spencerville to Charles Raymond Krick and Clara (Grill) Krick.

She married Ralph Lewis Moughler on Feb. 2, 1930, in Garrett. He died June 8, 1970.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Raymond and Onalee Moughler of Waterloo; two granddaughters and their husbands, Darlyn and Coy Charleswood and Michelle and Ed McDowd; two grandsons and their wives, Kevin and Janet Moughler and Keith and Beth Moughler; and 11 great-grandchildren, Brooke and Josh Wall, Amanda, Bradley and Allison Charleswood, Joshua, Abbey and Christopher McDowd, Jacob and Matthew Moughler and Jonathan and Brittany Moughler.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Earl; five sisters, Mable Foulks, Anna Deardorff, Edna Sherman, Ruth Hazelton and Rose Bherns; and two great-grandchildren, Justin McDowd and Tieme Moughler.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Irene Belcher

KENDALLVILLE — Irene Belcher, 62, died at 3:25 a.m. Tuesday, June 5, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health for several years and hospitalized for 11 days.

She lived in Kendallville for 45 years, coming to the city from Kentucky. She was a homemaker and attended the True Church of God in Jesus' Name, Kendallville. She had been at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville, for 1 1/2 years.

She was born June 9, 1938, in Rockfork, Ky., to Adolph and Nora (Bolen) Collins.

Surviving are a son, Donald Ray Lewis of Garrett; four daughters and a son-in-law, Mary Ann Stanley of Garrett, Kathy Sue Lewis and Faye L. Manns, both of Kendallville, and Jeannie and Billy Felder of Shipshewana; six sisters, Josephine Bailey of Montgomery, Mich., Mary Bolen of LaGrange, Betty VanHoozer of Wolcottville, Annie Kessler of Kendallville, Nannie McPherson of Garrett and Helen Criswell of Waterloo; two brothers, Ray Collins of Wolcottville and Roy Collins of Rome City; 10 grandchildren, Jason Stanley, Christopher and Brandon Knox, Angie Taylor, Renee Charles, Cassandra Sue Albright, Melissa Rae Clevinger, Chasita Ann Jeffers and Nathan Ray and Jonathon Ryan Wilcox; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Jeraldine Collins, and a brother, Sonny Collins, preceded her in death.

Services are noon Friday at Zion Baptist Church, Valentine, with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is after 4 p.m. Thursday at the church, with evening services there at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Thomas Lamott

ANGOLA — Thomas N. Lamott, 63, of Angola, died Tuesday, June 5, 2001, at his residence.

A U.S. Army veteran, Mr. Lamott was a sales manager for Sears in Fort Wayne and retired after 30 years of employment. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, and active in the local ham radio association. He graduated from Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne and attended St. Joseph College in Rensselaer.

He was born Dec. 11, 1937, in Hartford City to Robert N. and Marie (Kinser) Lamott.

On May 12, 1959, he married Janice (McCord) Lamott, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Guy Lamott of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Theresa Lauber of Spring Lake, Mich., Monica DeBrock of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and Deborah McGuire of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Claudia Merkler of Orland, and Sharon Alter of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Rachael DeBrock.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m.

Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

GOSHEN — **Mary Ellen Yutzy**, 65, died Monday at Goshen General Hospital. Services are 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Wayne Miller residence, 13267 Elkhart C.R. 36, Goshen. Calling is all day today at her residence, 13183 Elkhart C.R. 36, Goshen.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2001

Bradley Barlow

ANGOLA — Bradley Adam Barlow, 18, died Tuesday, June 5, 2001, at 12:15 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Barlow

He was a senior at Angola High School and lived all his life in Angola. He was born April 12, 1983, in Coldwater, Mich.

Surviving him are his father, Brent Barlow of Angola; a sister, Corinne of Bloomington; his grandparents, Thomas and Nancy Smith of Fremont, and Dr. Robert Barlow of Emigrent Gap, Calif.; and a stepgrandmother, Doris Barlow of Shelbyville.

His mother, Connie J. Barlow, preceded him in death in 2000.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in the Angola High School auditorium. Tim Seevers of the Pleasant View Church of Christ will officiate. Students will share in the service, which is open to family members and friends.

There will be no calling. Fellow students and friends are invited to bring cards or letters containing their memories to be given to the family at the service. The cards and letters will not be read aloud at the ceremony.

Memorials are to the Steuben County EMS.

Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Rosele Watson

AUBURN — Rosele May Watson, 69, died Monday, June 4, 2001, at 11 a.m. in her Auburn home.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Watson was born Jan. 15, 1932, in Noble County to William and Mergel (Gerver) Rimmel.

She married Ervin Watson on Sept. 4, 1950, in Garrett. He died in June 1984.

Surviving her are one son, Robert Watson of Auburn; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Gertrude and Jack Boyd of Colorado Springs, Colo., Deloris Watson of Colorado Springs, and Mary and Dewey Quinn of Auburn; one brother, Dick Rimmel of Hudson; one sister, Joan Warstler of Auburn; four grandchildren, Elizabeth Thomas, Emily Hecht, and Don and Tammy Quinn; and four great-grandchildren, Tina and Brittany Thomas, Andrew Goldenetz and Devin Quinn.

Services will be held Friday at 7 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 5 p.m.

Inurnment will be at a later date in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Area Deaths

CROMWELL — **Helen B. Fry**, 79, died Wednesday at home in Cromwell. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2001

Irene Belcher

KENDALLVILLE — Irene Belcher, 62, died Tuesday, June 5, 2001, at 3:25 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health for several years and hospitalized for 11 days.

She lived in Kendallville for 45 years, coming to the city from Kentucky. She was a homemaker and attended the True Church of God in Jesus' Name, Kendallville. She had been at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville, for 1 1/2 years.

She was born June 9, 1938, in Rockfork, Ky., to Adolph and Nora (Bolen) Collins.

Surviving are a son, Donald Ray Lewis of Garrett; four daughters and a son-in-law, Mary Ann Stanley of Garrett, Kathy Sue Lewis and Faye L. Manns, both of Kendallville, and Jeannie and Billy Felder of Shipshewana; six sisters, Josephine Bailey of Montgomery, Mich., Mary Bolen of LaGrange, Betty VanHoozer of Wolcottville, Annie Kessler of Kendallville, Nannie McPherson of Garrett and Helen Chriswell of Waterloo; two brothers, Ray Collins of Wolcottville and Roy Collins of Rome City; 10 grandchildren, Jason Stanley, Christopher and Brandon Knox, Angie Taylor, Renee Charles, Cassandra Sue Albright, Melissa Rae Clevinger, Chasity Ann Jeffers and Nathan Ray and Jonathon Ryan Wilcox; and 16 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Geraldine Collins, and a brother, Sonny Collins, preceded her in death.

Services were held at noon today in Zion Baptist Church, Valentine, with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Memorials are to the family.

Arrangements were made by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Leon Champion

FREMONT — Leon Champion, 80, of Fremont, died Thursday, June 7, 2001, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Champion retired from Dana Weatherhead in Angola in 1984, after 33 years as a machine setup operator. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing.

He was born May 20, 1921, in Millgrove Township, Steuben County, to Firm and Fern (Kellogg) Champion.

On June 5, 1942, he married Dorothy (Northam) Champion, who survives at home.

Also surviving are three daughters, Kathy Craun of Fremont, Susan Organ of Fort Wayne, and Kelly Schorey of Fremont; three sons, Steve, Jim and Gary Champion, all of Fremont; two brothers and three sisters.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Tom, in 1943, and George, in 1970; a brother and four sisters.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Jordan Cemetery, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association. Arrangements are being made by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Larry Weikel

BUTLER — Larry L. Weikel, 65, died Wednesday, June 6, 2001, at 1:30 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Weikel lived in Butler and worked as a mechanic for the Allen County Highway Department. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and a member of the Butler post of the American Legion.

He was born May 14, 1936, in Fort Wayne to Morris and Hazel (Swallow) Weikel.

Surviving are a son, Clifford Weikel of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Deb Turk of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and a niece and her husband, Sharon and Jim Moore of Butler.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. The Rev. Dennis Leinbach will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

June 8, '01

Meryl Johnson

Cincinnati — 1902-2001

Meryl Johnson, 98, of Cincinnati and formerly of Fort Wayne and Easton, Pa., died Thursday, June 7, 2001, at Mercy Fairfield Hospital in Fairfield.

The Garrett native had worked with Parkview Hospital as a registered nurse, and was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and a 1924 graduate of Parkview Nursing School, all of Fort Wayne. Surviving are a daughter, Sue A. Schuck of Fairfield; a sister, Violet Worster of Toledo; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony W. Sr., and a sister. Mass of Christian Burial is 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 2120 S. Harrison St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Information provided by Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., 744-2114.

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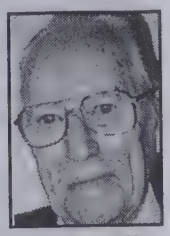
SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2001

Former Tri-State president Dr. J. Glenn Radcliff dies

ANGOLA — Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe, 95, of Angola, died Thursday, June 7, 2001, at his home.



Mr. Radcliffe

Dr. Radcliffe devoted 73 years to Tri-State University, holding numerous positions there, including president. He retired as alumni director, and was serving as the first and only chaplain of the university.

On April 27, a conference room at Tri-State was dedicated to Dr. Radcliffe, and in May he was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Indiana Gov. Frank O'Bannon.

He was a founder and the first minister of Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola. He preached in most of the county's churches and performed many marriages and funerals. He was a farmer for over 50 years in Steuben County.

He was a member of Angola Christian Church-Church of Christ, Fremont Masonic Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne; Mizpah Shrine Temple, Pokagon Shrine Club, Angola Chapter 78 of the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Angola Odd Fellows for 50 years.

He was born Oct. 31, 1905, in Tilene, Ky., to T.M. and Joann (Morris) Radcliffe.

He married Edna Chrysler on Aug. 3, 1929, and she preceded him in death Oct. 19, 1984.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, William and Nancy Radcliffe of Fremont; and two grandsons and a granddaughter-in-law, Ernest and Loubra Radcliffe of Angola, and Eric Radcliffe of Fremont.

A sister, Hallie Fisher, is deceased.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Angola Christian Church-Church of Christ, 500 W. Maumee St., with John Morin, Paul Grieser, Dr. Earl Brooks and the Rev. Robert Knowlton officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Community Foundation for the Dr. J. Glenn Radcliffe Scholarship for Tri-State University, Shriner's Children's Hospitals or the Woodburn Children's Home.

Area Deaths

SHIPSHEWANA — **Alexander Michael Kirby** was stillborn at 5:26 a.m. Thursday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Graveside services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Lupold Cemetery, Shipshewana, with the Rev. Scott Carmer of Shipshewana United Methodist Church officiating.

STURGIS, Mich. — **Birdie Stidham**, 69, of Sturgis died at 9:45 a.m. Friday at her home. Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Leburn Combs officiating. Calling will be Sunday at the funeral home from 2-6 p.m. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery, Howe.

WABASH — **Robert Eugene Davenport**, 79, of Wabash, died Thursday at Miller's Merry Manor East, Wabash. Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, with the Rev. L. Michael Wilson officiating. Calling will be at the church Sunday from 1-2 p.m. Memorials are to the church. Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service was in charge of arrangements.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2001

Donna Jean West

LIGONIER — Donna Jean West, 51, of Ligonier, died at 11:10 p.m., Friday, June 8, 2001, at Oak Leaf Village. She had been afflicted with multiple sclerosis for about 20 years.

On June 17, 1949, in Wolf Lake, she was born to Max and Velma (Owen) Kiester. She married Gaylord "Gay" West on Sept. 18, 1971, in Ligonier. He survives.

She was a lifetime Noble County resident, and employed by Sam Patton Jr., CPA, Ligonier.

Mrs. West was a member of the West Noble High School Class of 1967, Ligonier United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women.

Surviving, in addition to her husband are: her mother, Velma Kiester, Kimmell; a daughter, Holly Lee, Ligonier; a stepson, Denny West, Pikesville, Ky.; a stepdaughter, Cindy Spain, Charolette, S.C.; a brother, Jim Kiester, Kimmell; two sisters, Judy Geiger and Joyce Beezly, both of Churubusco; and three step grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, at Ligonier United Methodist Church, Ligonier, with Rev. Jim Farrer officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Monday, at the church.

Memorials are to the National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Linda Ann Boger

AUBURN — Linda Ann Boger, 53, died Friday, June 8, 2001, at 5:30 p.m. in an accident in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Boger was a homemaker. She attended the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn and was very involved in her children's school activities.

She was born Dec. 14, 1947, in Auburn to Willis LeRoy Vogtman and Martha Fern (Croy) Vogtman.

She married Larry Boger on June 16, 1973, in Mount Zion Methodist Church in Pleasant Lake. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Brent Allen Boger of Auburn, and two daughters, Brenda Sue Boger and Beth Ann Boger, both of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Jimmy Vogtman.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Dale Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Doris Snyder

FORT WAYNE — Doris M. Snyder, 94, died Thursday, June 7, 2001, in Auburn.

Mrs. Snyder was a homemaker. She lived in Albion from 1990 to 1996 and in Fort Wayne from 1996 to 2001.

She was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars 1421 Auxiliary and a Golden Eagle member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Paulding.

She was born Aug. 1, 1906, in Paulding County, Ohio.

Surviving are three sons, Namon Fogle Jr. of Valdosta, Ga., Lawrence Fogle of Auburn and Leslie D. Fogle of Lake St. Louis, Mo.; two daughters, Rose Stellhorn of New Haven and Karen Adams of Monroeville; two stepdaughters, Brenda Conn and Charlotte Hess, both of Roanoke; two sisters, Ida Mae Traucht of Lima, Ohio, and Florence Fisher of Payne, Ohio; a brother, Ralph Jack Williams of Scott, Ohio; 18 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and 19 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Ralph Cook; her second husband, Namon Fogle; her third husband, Alva Snyder; two sons, Hunter L. Hastings-Cook and Karl Fogle; and a daughter, Evelyn Mae Cook.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 IN 930 E, New Haven. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery, Payne, Ohio.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. A VFW service will be conducted there tonight at 7:30.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

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MONDAY JUNE 11, 2001

Beulah Hankey

BUTLER — Beulah M. Hankey, 88, died Saturday, June 9, 2001, at 6:16 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hankey was a homemaker and a former secretary for the Auburn Automobile Co. She also worked with her husband in his private engineering business. She lived in Butler and was a member of the Auburn congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

She was born Dec. 23, 1912, in DeKalb County to Bruce and Mary (Wolf) Lower.

She married Dr. Roy A. Hankey on June 16, 1932, in Auburn. He died Feb. 1, 1987.

Surviving her are one son and daughter-in-law, Richard E. and Janice D. Hankey of Butler; two daughters and one son-in-law, Mary Ann Miller, and Phyllis J. and Kendall Wilson, all of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Dorothy and Donald Freeman of Hamilton, and Alice and Verle Snyder of Auburn; one brother-in-law, Floyd Keller of Sebring, Fla.; one sister-in-law, Edith Lower of Pleasant Lake; and one granddaughter and her husband, Tamara S. and Mike R. Andes of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Glenn, and two sisters, Pauline Harmon and Martha Keller.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, with James Charles officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Max Dobbins

KENDALLVILLE — Max E. Dobbins, 79, died Sunday, June 10, 2001, in Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Home in Kendallville.

Mr. Dobbins was retired from Federal Gear & Safeguard, Kendallville, where he worked 25 years. He moved to Kendallville from Ligonier in 1933. He never married.

He was born April 18, 1922, in Syracuse to Evans "Huber" and Dessie M. (Gaff) Dobbins.

Surviving are two brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles A. and LaVon Dobbins of Fort Wayne and Everett and Marjorie Dobbins of New Carlisle; and a sister, Evelyn Zimmerman of Elkhart.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Rollie Sarver and Joel Reynolds officiating.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., and one hour prior to the service Wednesday in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Home or the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Kay A. Gordon** 63, died Friday, June 8, 2001. Services Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco. Calling today from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

HUNTERTOWN — **Joseph C. Warner**, 76, of Huntertown, died Sunday. Services Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco. Memorial services Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home. Calling Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Stella Charles

KENDALLVILLE — Services for Stella Charles, 77, who died Thursday, June 7, 2001 at 9:35 a.m. at her residence, were held today at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

The Rev. Zaundra Hicks officiated. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Tim Powers, Tom Powers, Malena Powers, Julie Powers, Brian Slone, Dave Rouch and Jeremy Slone.

Mrs. Charles was born Feb. 18, 1924, in Richmond to Edward and Ethel (Turner) Matthews.

On June 26, 1943, she married Leonard E. Charles in Norwalk, Ohio.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jean and Roger Powers of Corunna and Mary and Dave Rouch of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Len and Eileen Charles of Alta Loma, Calif.; two sisters, Thelma (last name unknown) of Delta, Ohio, and Joan Gamble of Fitchville, Ohio; three brothers, Robert Matthews of Elyria, Ohio, Frank Matthews of Mansfield, Ohio, and Stanley Matthews of New Haven, Ohio; 16 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Roy L. Charles; a daughter, Rose Charles Coy; a grandchild, Robert John Charles; four brothers and two sisters.

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Marguerite L. Kepler

HAMILTON — Marguerite L. Kepler, 93, of Hamilton died early Monday morning, June 11, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Kepler was a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ, a past chief and 50-year member of Pythian Sisters, a past Noble Grand of Hamilton Rebekah Lodge and a member of the Hamilton Fish & Game Club.

The daughter of Rile and Ada (Stoy) Carpenter, she was born May 30, 1908, in Butler.

She married Elwood C. Kepler on Jan. 1, 1927. He died June 6, 1979.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Donner and Millie Kepler of Libertyville, Ill., and Dennis and Wendy Kepler of Waterloo; five grandchildren, Kelli Kepler-Yarc and Koni Devanie, both of Libertyville, Ill.; Kris Kepler of Hickory Corners, Mich., Ryan Kepler of Highlands Ranch, Colo., and JoDee Kepler of Waterloo; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Sheriff Frank E. Carpenter.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Hamilton Church of Christ with the Rev. David Payne officiating. Interment will follow in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is today from 3-5 and 5-9 p.m. in the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home Hamilton Chapel.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Church of Christ.

Mary Hine

FORT WAYNE — A memorial service for Mary Hine, 52, will be held Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. John Hostetter will lead the service.

Mary Hine

She died Friday, June 8, 2001, at 5:30 a.m in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

She had served as assistant vice president and director of strategic planning for Lincoln RE in Fort Wayne. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne.

She was born May 15, 1949, in Waterloo to Howard and Doris E. Hine.

She married Karl E. Mess on June 24, 1976, in Waterloo. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Sara Mess and Carolyn Mess, both of Fort Wayne; one brother, Maynard Hine of Waterloo; and one sister, Judy Ross of Pembroke Pines, Fla.

One infant daughter preceded her in death.

The family will receive friends today from 4-7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the instrumental music program at Memorial Park Middle School or to Erin's House.

Orphia Fike

FORT WAYNE — Orphia Ann Fike, 63, died Monday, June 11, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was an inspector with Magnavox Corp. for 10 years, retiring in 1979. She was a member of Auburn Moose Lodge 566, American Legion Post 499 Auxiliary and Calvary Chapel Worship Center, Auburn. She enjoyed crafts and cake decorating.

Mrs. Fike was born May 31, 1938, in Angola. Her mother, Velma K. Davis of Auburn, survives.

She married Wayne M. Fike, who survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are one son, Christopher A. Fike of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Cheryl A. Green of Jackson, Mich., Cindy K. Sower of Millsprings, N.C., Catherine M. Halferty of Garrett, and Carla Jo Gayheart of Fort Wayne; one brother, James F. Davis of Auburn; and 10 grandchildren.

One son, Larry W. Fike, and her stepfather, Isaac Davis, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County or Indiana University Medical Center.

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Adrian V. Runion

GARRETT — Adrian V. Runion, 83, died Monday, June 11, 2001, at 9:20 a.m. at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Runion was a custodian for Auburn Plaza and also owned his own window repair business.

He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and a 60-year member of the Garrett Masonic Lodge.

He was born Oct. 5, 1917, in Garrett to Tony F. Runion Sr. and Margaret (Bogner) Runion.

He is survived by two brothers, Tony F. Runion Jr. and Norman Runion Sr., both of Garrett, and one sister, Opal Wisel of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Everett Runion, and one sister, Deloris Runion.

Services will take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Calling is today from 4-9 p.m. at the funeral home. A Masonic service will take place at 8 tonight at the Funeral Home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Arnon Thomas**, 63, of Kendallville, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Calling from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour before the services at the funeral home.

ALBION — **Mary K. Hoover**, 76, of Albion, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. Calling from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

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June Chasey

PLEASANT LAKE — A graveside service for June Chasey will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 16, 2001, at the Pleasant Lake Cemetery, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. She was born in 1904 and died in 2001. No other details were available.

Ralph Smart

KENDALLVILLE — Ralph V. Smart, 87, of Kendallville, died at 10 p.m. Monday, June 11, 2001, at his residence.

In Attica, Ind., on March 29, 1914, he was born to Harvey and Eva (Shunkwaller) Smart. He married Berdena Miller on June 12, 1935, in Albion. She preceded him in death on Jan. 9, 1995.

He had been in failing health the past four months.

Mr. Smart was a retired roofing contractor, and a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses Church in Kendallville.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Gloria and Don Weimer, and Connie and Jerry Honey, all of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Cindy Smart of Syracuse; a daughter-in-law, Betty Smart of Auburn; a brother, Jim Smart of Sacramento, Calif.; five grandsons, Don Weimer of Fort Wayne, Mark Gibson of Topeka, Thaddeus Smart and Jared Smart, both of Syracuse, and Randy Gibson of Kendallville; three granddaughters, Cindy Fike of Wolcottville, Dawn McDonald of Millersburg, and Tracy Pulliam of Syracuse; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Jim Charles officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Brushy Prairie Cemetery, rural LaGrange.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Jean E. Ferguson**, 76, of Ligonier, died at 5 p.m. Monday. Following cremation, graveside committal service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

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Doris Beams

FREMONT — Doris Lucille Beams, 88, of Fremont, a co-founder and former owner of Beams Funeral Home, died Tuesday, June 12, 2001 at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

She was born Feb. 13, 1913, in DeKalb County to Vinton Leroy Miller and Inez Cleo (Rhoads) Miller.

On May 21, 1931, she married Howard L. Beams at Harlan. He died Nov. 11, 1990.

She was a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star No. 229 in Ashley. She also belonged to the Rebekah Lodge and Pythian Sisters in Fremont.

She is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis and Bill Pope of Bonita Springs, Fla.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Glenna Beams of Fremont and Dr. Ron and Corla Beams of Indianapolis; one brother, Richard Miller of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, William Miller, and one grandchild.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fremont United Methodist Church.

Harold Wasson Sr.

AUBURN — Harold D. Wasson Sr., 58, died Sunday, June 10, 2001, in RML Speciality Hospital in Hinsdale, Ill.

Mr. Wasson

He was an electrician with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 305 for 39 years. He graduated from Butler High School in 1961, served an electronics apprenticeship with IBEW in 1970, and was a past business agent for the organization.

He lived in Auburn and was a member of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Mr. Wasson was born June 8, 1943, in DeKalb County to Kenneth D. and Agatha (Coburn) Wasson.

He married Rosa Marlene Kessler, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Harold D. "Buzz" Wasson Jr. of Indiana; one daughter, Dawnyail Marie Ahrndt of Waterloo; one brother, Thomas Wallace Wasson of Chicago; two sisters, Glenda Sancher of Bryan, Ohio, and Sue Ann McKean of Butler; one stepbrother, Richard Lee Roberts of St. Joe; one stepsister, Jessica Haifley of Angola; and two grandchildren, Rusty James and Janna McKenzie Ahrndt, both of Waterloo.

One stepsister, Dorothy Jean Cook, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the First Christian Church, 910 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter, 5221 U.S. 6, Butler IN 46721, and Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation, 500 Morris Ave., Springfield NJ 07081.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

GOSHEN — **Josephine Troyer**, 93, of Goshen, formerly of Middlebury, died Wednesday. Services at 10 a.m. Saturday at First Mennonite Church, Middlebury. Calling from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Church.

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Sharon Menier

CORUNNA — Sharon Menier, 52, died Thursday, June 14, 2001, at 2:30 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Menier

She was a bank official at Wells Fargo Bank in Auburn for 28 years. She was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo, Auburn Moose Lodge, Butler Eagles Lodge and Northeastern CB Club.

She was born July 14, 1948, in Auburn to Sherman Edward and Marie (Fike) Crossley. Her mother survives at Story Lake, Corunna, and her father preceded her in death in 1968.

Surviving her are one son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Belinda Menier of Kendallville; and three grandchildren, Lakin, Tisha and Gabrielle Menier.

A brother, Larry Earl Crossley, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ernie Kohlmyer officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the family.

Kenneth Newell

PORTLAND, Ind. — Kenneth J. Newell, 83, died Sunday morning, June 10, 2001, in Jay County Hospital.

He retired in 1980 from New Idea in Coldwater, Ohio, and was engaged in farming. He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, Jay Lodge 87, F.&A.M., Scottish Rite, Shrine, Order of Eastern Star 111, Fort Recovery Masonic Lodge 539 and Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department. He lived in Portland.

Mr. Newell was born Oct. 20, 1917, in Tracey, Minn., to James Newell II and Sadie (Rassmussen) Newell.

He married Emma Lucille Mitchell on July 29, 1939, and she died June 30, 1979.

He married Eileen Hartzell on Aug. 9, 1980, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Kenneth Newell Jr. of Portland; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and Allen Hilfiker of Portland, Betty and Jack Gibson of Hamilton, and Cheryl and Lance Wise of Ligonier; one stepson, Roger Hartzell of Portland; one stepdaughter and her husband, Beth and Larry Landon of Portland; four sisters, Elsie England of Anderson, Leona Leban of Ashville, N.C., Hazel Witham of Anderson and Delores Murphy of Benson, Ariz.; nine grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one stepgreat-grandchild.

Services were held Wednesday in Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland, with Pastor Keith Olson officiating. Burial was in Salamonia Cemetery.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Virginia Summers

GARRETT — Virginia M. Summers, 86, died Thursday, June 14, 2001, at 9:50 a.m. in Dupont Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Summers

Mrs. Summers worked in assembly at Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 35 years, retiring in 1975. She lived on South Cowen Street in Garrett.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, its rosary society and Daughters of Isabella, and the Garrett Historical Society.

She was born May 11, 1915, in Garrett to Warren and Bessie (Comadoll) Royer.

She married Frank H. Summers on June 26, 1940, in Garrett. He died April 2, 1978.

Surviving her are one daughter, Patricia Bender of Albion; one son, Michael L. Summers of Avilla; two brothers, Maurice Royer of Bonita Springs, Fla., and Donald Royer of Willard, Ohio; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to masses.

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Nondus Tolin

ANGOLA — Nondus H. Tolin, 87, of Angola and formerly of Yorktown, died Wednesday, June 13, 2001 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Tolin was a homemaker and a graduate of Ball State Teachers College.

She was born Aug. 30, 1913, in Gas City to Ray and Dawn (Somers) Heal.

On Feb. 18, 1933, she married Joe E. Tolin. He died May 27, 1988.

Two daughters, Mickie Franklin and Patricia Freeman, a brother, Frank Heal, and a sister, Ruth Murray, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two grandsons, John G. Franklin of LaGrange and Joe W. Freeman of Elkhart; three granddaughters, Pamela S. Barnhouse of Winchester, Shirley L. Thomas of Angola and Rebecca Herl of Fremont; a sister, Jean Click of Fowlerton; and eight great-grandchildren.

There will be no services or visitation. Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Roger Covell

ONAWAY, Mich. — Roger Ralph Covell, 65, of Onaway, Mich., a former Kendallville resident, died Thursday, June 14, 2001, in Northern Michigan Hospital, Petoskey, Mich.

On June 7, 1936, in Cheboygan, Mich., he was born to Ralph and Delema (Preedhomme) Covell. He married Jordan Dixon on June 27, 1997, in Cheboygan.

He lived in Kendallville from 1974 to 1997 before returning to the Onaway area.

Mr. Covell was a foreman at No Sag in Kendallville and retired in 1997. He was a member of the Eagles Club and Moose Lodge, and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a daughter, Mrs. Joe (Renee) Richardson, Angola; a son, Rick Covell, Kendallville; two stepsons, Jeff and Todd Brasseur, Tower, Mich.; and a stepdaughter, Kristi Redick, Tower, Mich.

His first wife preceded him in death in 1978, and his parents also preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. (EDT) Tuesday at the Chagnon Funeral Home Chapel, 20742 State, Onaway, Mich. with Elder Jim Morgan officiating. Burial will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Tower, Mich.

Calling is from 5 to 9 p.m. (EDT) Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Roger Covell family.

Dennis Denham

SELMER, Tenn. — Dennis Clarence Denham, 59, of Selmer, died Thursday, June 14, 2001, at Methodist Healthcare McNairy in Selmer.

Mr. Denham was a member of Faith Baptist Church and served in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita Howard Denham; his mother and stepfather, Myrtle Denham and A.L. Noble of Indiana; two daughters and a son-in-law, Julie and Keith Lipford of Selmer and Debra Lynn Arnett of Fremont; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael Clarence and Dana Denham of Bethel Springs, Tenn., and Dennis Ray Denham of Selmer; a sister, Ester Hayes of Rensselaer; a brother, Hurshel Denham of Indiana; and 10 grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Faith Baptist Church, with the Rev. Greg Collins officiating.

Burial will be in Sulphur Springs Cemetery in Selmer. Memorials are to the Dennis Denham Memorial Fund at Bancorpsouth Bank, Highway 45 South, Selmer. Shackelford Funeral Home in Selmer was in charge of arrangements.

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Paul Barcus, 75, former Noble County prosecutor

SEBRING, Fla. — Paul A. Barcus, Noble County's first full-time prosecutor and longtime Albion attorney, has died at his home in Sebring, Fla. He was 75.

Barcus

Mr. Barcus served in the U.S. Marines in World War II and the Korean conflict. He moved in 1968 from Houston, Tex., to Albion, where his parents had been born and raised.

He was elected Noble County prosecutor in 1970 after defeating Howard Grimm Jr. in the primary election and running unopposed in the general election. Four years later he was defeated in his bid for re-election by Democrat G. David Laur.

Barcus was born in Auburn and resided in Albion from 1968 to 1995, when he retired and moved to Sebring, Fla. He also served as attorney for the county welfare department.

He was a member of the American Bar Association, Lions Club of Albion, and American Legion Post 25 in Lake Placid, Fla.

He is survived by his wife Helen, of Sebring, and two children, Patti Jo Barcus of Sebring and Douglas Barcus of Albion. Other survivors include a brother, Frank Barcus of Tarpon Springs, Fla., and two grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, June 23.

Services will be held at St. Mark's beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 24.

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Steven Shively

FREMONT — Steven Chad Shively, 22, died Thursday, June 14, 2001, in Fremont.

Mr. Shively was self-employed in farming and trucking. He was a 1996 graduate of Fremont High School.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and raising and showing cattle. He was active with 4-H in Steuben County.

He was born June 21, 1978, in Coldwater, Mich., to Steve and Deniese (Welch) Shively. His parents survive in Fremont.

Also surviving are his grandparents, Joe and Wanda Shively of Fremont, Keith and Linda Welch of Coldwater, Mich., and Don and Orla Wiltse of Brooksville, Fla.; great-grandparents, Garland Shively of Coldwater and Ophelia Kauffeld of Clarksville, Ark.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Rae and Ron Funk of Angola and Dru Bishop of Fremont; one brother, Jeremy Shively of Battle Creek, Mich.; and one niece, Madison Funk of Angola.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Paul Chapel at Clear Lake. Father Philip Schneider and the Rev. Robert Homan will officiate. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery of Fremont.

Calling is Sunday from 5-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Steven Chad Shively Scholarship Fund.

Phyllis Burdett

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Phyllis Burdett, 78, died Wednesday, June 13, 2001, in Orlando Regional Medical Center at Orlando, Fla., after an automobile accident.

She was an accountant, moving to Winter Haven in 1984 from Detroit. She was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Ladies of the Moose Post 1152, and Winter Haven Moose Lodge and an associate member of the Royal Canadian Legion 272.

She was born July 3, 1922, in Garrett.

Surviving her are one sister, Opal Mann of Butler, two grandchildren and eight nieces and nephews.

Her husband, Howard Burdett, her children and a sister, Martha Scholl, preceded her in death.

There will be no services or calling. Laine-Holt Funeral Home, Haines City, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.

Merrill Stone

BUTLER — Merrill E. Stone, 58, died Thursday, June 14, 2001, at 1:21 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and lived in Butler.

She was born Dec. 15, 1942, in Phoenix, Ariz., to Kenneth and Gertrude (Wright) Pond.

Surviving her are three sons, Brent McDonald of Phoenix, Bruce McDonald of Butler, and Bryan McDonald of Polson, Mont.; two daughters, Martha Rich of Phoenix and Linda Smith of Florence, Mont.; and 15 grandchildren.

There will be no services or calling. H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

Phyllis Conner

STROH — Phyllis R. Conner, 74, died Friday, June 15, 2001, in her home in Stroh.

She was born in Allen County on Dec. 25, 1926, to Paul and Bessie Marie (Boren) Freeman. She married Howard Conner on Nov. 23, 1946, and he died July 16, 1993.

Mrs. Conner lived in Stroh for more than 50 years. She was a Leo High School graduate, a member of the Stroh Church of Christ and the Stroh Firemen Women's Auxiliary. She was a former member of the Prairie Heights Community Schools PTA, and made uniforms for the high school band. She was a volunteer for several organizations in LaGrange County and taught Sunday School for many years.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Steve Keeslar of Hamilton, Joyce and Bob Getts of Carmel and Kathy and Ronald Bruce of Kendallville; one son, Timothy Conner of Albion; three sisters, Laura Rosenbury of Butler, Helen Shutt of Auburn and Betty Lemper of Carthage, N.C.; one brother, Jack Freeman of Pine Island, Fla.; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson, with her brother-in-law, the Rev. Eugene Woolever, officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery in rural Stroh.

Calling is Saturday from 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

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Kathleen Harrold

FORT WAYNE — Kathleen R. Harrold, 78, died Friday, June 15, 2001, at Parkview Hospital.

An Avilla native, she was a homemaker and a member of Garrett American Legion, Women of the Moose Chapter 261 and Teamsters Retirees. She was also a member of North Highland Church of Christ.

Survivors include one daughter, Vonda Roop of Fort Wayne; one son, Larry D. of Fort Wayne; one sister, Delores Hyde of Warsaw; three brothers, Keith and Allen Berkes, both of Fort Wayne and Deloice Zimmerman of Warsaw; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Joe, preceded her in death.

Services are Tuesday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road.

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m., Monday, at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church.

Kathryn Vorndran

LIGONIER — Kathryn L. "Kay" Vorndran, 90, died Friday, June 15, 2001, at her residence of natural causes, although her death was unexpected.

She was born in Hamilton on Feb. 16, 1911, to Waldo W. and Ethel M. (Teeter) Miller.

She lived in the area for 49 years, coming from Wolf Lake. She had been employed by Sheppard's Restaurant, Kellams Foodtown and Ligonier Laundromat.

Surviving are one son, William H. "Bill" Vorndran, Ligonier; one grandson, Shawn R. Vorndran, Kansas City, Mo.; one granddaughter, Deedra N. Vorndran, Cincinnati, Ohio; and one half-brother, Clinton Miller, Anaheim, Calif.

A daughter, Ethel Marie, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Father Dale Bauman officiating.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial is in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Kazimierz Kolodziejczak

KNOX — Kazimierz Kolodziejczak, 69, died Monday, June 4, 2001.

He was retired from U.S. Steel after 25 years of service, and was an avid fisherman.

Surviving are one daughter, Kristine (Bob) Hendrickson of Kouts, formerly of Munster; one son, John (Susan) Kolodziejczak of Avilla; two brothers, Stanley (Janina) Kolodziejczak, Kouts, and Ted (Janina) Kolodziejczak, Merrillville; and his grandchildren, Elizabeth, Maxwell and Caraline Kolodziejczak and Ryan and Michael Hendrickson.

His parents preceded him in death.

Services were held Monday, June 11, at the chapel of Stilinovich and Wiatrolik Funeral Home, Merrillville, with Father Edward Kawa officiating.

Burial followed at Calumet Park Cemetery.

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H. Lester See

AUBURN — H. Lester See, 92, died Sunday, June 17, 2001, at 2 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. See worked as a record supervisor at Warner Gear in Auburn, retiring in 1974 after 36 years. He was a member of the Auburn Masonic Lodge and the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and Fort Wayne Shrine, as well as the Auburn First United Methodist Church, the Odd Fellows Lodge and Auburn Moose Lodge.

Mr. See

He was a member and tour guide for the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum and the National Automotive and Truck Museum of the United States, in buildings where he worked as an employee of the Auburn Automobile Co. in the 1930s.

He was born April 25, 1909, in Denver, Ind., to H. Elbert and Edith A. (Tracy) See.

On June 7, 1930, in Auburn he married Myrtle H. Habig. She died June 7, 1987.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and John Hess of Auburn; three grandchildren, Jeffrey and Stanley D. Hess and Rene Lloyd; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Orville See.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Wilbur Yates officiating.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church, NATMUS or the ACD Museum.

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Dorothy Kimes

FOSTORIA, Ohio — Dorothy Ann Kimes, 79, a long-time Angola resident who retired in Deland, Fla., died Saturday, June 16, 2001, at 8:10 a.m. at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Fostoria, Ohio.

Mrs. Kimes was a homemaker and a member of the DeLeon Springs United Methodist Church in DeLeon, Fla. She was a 1939 graduate of Spencerville High School in DeKalb County.

She was born Oct. 24, 1921, in DeKalb County to Terry and Pearle (Hoffman) Worman.

On May 3, 1940, she married Charles E. Kimes in Fort Wayne. He died Sept. 8, 1997.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Eloise and Gary Knox of Fostoria; a son, Elery Kimes of Belleville, Texas; three brothers, George Worman of Coldwater, Mich., Lewis Worman of Albion and Richard Worman of Butler; a sister, Betty Laux of Winslow, Ariz.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Mary Ann Kimes, a brother, Wayne Worman, and a sister, Cora Bauman, also preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. (Indiana time) at Harrold-Floriana Funeral Home in Fostoria, with the Rev. Jeff Raker and the Rev. Alan Sandford officiating.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 and Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Deland Memorial Gardens in Deland, Fla. Memorials are to DeLeon Springs United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 807, DeLeon, FL 32130-0807.

Mary Treuchet

HUDSON — Mary B. Treuchet, 74, of Hudson, died Friday, June 15, 2001, at 8:20 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Treuchet had worked at General Electric and was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31.

She was born Dec. 13, 1926, in Pittsburgh, Ind., to John and Maude (Farmer) Woodley.

On March 3, 1945, she married Donald E. Treuchet. He died Aug. 10, 1990.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Jeanette Treuchet of Nappanee; three grandchildren, three stepgrandchilden; and a stepgreat-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Eugene and Kenneth Woodely; a stepbrother, Harold Mathews; and a sister, Betty Patino.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Jackson Prairie Cemetery, Orland.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben Council on Aging.

Arlo Sheets

COLUMBIA CITY — Arlo H. "Harley" Sheets, 90, died at 7:50 p.m. Saturday, June 16, 2001, at Whitley Memorial Hospital, Columbia City, where he had been hospitalized since Tuesday.

He attended Ground Hog Elementary School for eight years. He was a Whitley County resident for most of his life, living in Jefferson Township and Tri-Lakes. In 1969 he moved to Fort Wayne. From 1976 to 1987 he lived in the summers at Washington, Ind., moving there full-time in 1987. He later moved to North Manchester, and when his health failed he moved back to Columbia City. He was an asphalt dump truck driver, retiring in 1976 from the Hipskind Asphalt Co., Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 13, 1911, in rural Columbia City to Jacob Wesley and Lillie Mae (Simon) Sheets.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Donna and Harry Hinen of North Fort Myers, Fla., and formerly of Pleasant Lake, and Gloria Mae Hobbs of North Manchester; a sister, Netha Ault of Fort Pierce, Fla.; a brother, Jacob Sheets of Columbia City; 10 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and 29 great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were four wives, Mary Hine Sheets, Irene Secrist, Helen Hall and Dola Mae (Brothers) Browning; five sisters, Flossie Rosenberger, Ruth Redman, Sylvia Sheehan, Celestia Coolman and Fern Smith; and three brothers, Loyal Earl, Willie "Bill" and Don Sheets.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Pastor Lannie Maloney of Thorncreek Bethel Church of God officiating. Burial will be at Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, with Loyal Order of Moose Lodge and Eagles Lodge memorial twilight services there at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Elfie Opliger

ANGOLA — Elfie Mae Opliger, 85, of Angola, died Saturday, June 16, 2001, in Angola.

Mrs. Opliger was a business owner and a member of Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

She was born July 15, 1915, in Paulding, Ohio, to Castor and Caroline (Vittung) Tindall.

Surviving are a daughter, Cindy Means of Angola; two sisters, Martha Camp of Fort Wayne and Mable Heine of Wawaka; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three husbands, Johnie Henninger, John W. Thrush and Clyde R. Opliger; a son, Johnie Michael Henninger; a daughter, Karolena Jean Penick; four brothers, Clarence, Doyt, Kenneth and Paul Tindall; two sisters, Mary Lockhart and Alma Brown; and one grandson.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

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Gordon Manista

BEREA, Ohio — Gordon L. Manista died Saturday, June 16, 2001.

He worked for United Technologies and lived in Auburn for 30 years.

Surviving are his wife, Grace; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda and James Cunningham, Nancy and Steven Kucharski and Lisa Manista; a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Dawn Manista; six grandchildren, James, Scott, Melissa, Tracey, Hannah and Alexis; and a brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Judy Manista.

Services will be held Tuesday at noon in the Chambers Funeral Home, 86 Adalbert St., Berea, Ohio.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Amos W. Bontrager**, 78, died Saturday at home in rural Wolcottville. Services are 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the family home, 1035W LaGrange C.R. 700S, with calling there this afternoon and all day Tuesday.

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Earl Barnes

HUDSON — Earl W. Barnes, 88, died Monday evening, June 18, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He was a machinist at Weatherhead Corp. in Angola from 1950 to 1976.

Mr. Barnes was born Oct. 16, 1912, in Lagro to B. Frank and Elizabeth (Russell) Barnes.

He married Margarete E. Howard on Nov. 9, 1935, in St. Johns, Mich., and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Larry Barnes of Ashley, Brian Barnes of Los Osos, Calif., and Pasha Rostov; one daughter, Marsha L. Stewart of Hermitage, Tenn.; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

One granddaughter, Ramonda Jean Platter, and three brothers, Wilbur, Paul and Clyde, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Tommy Conley

FINLAND, Mich. — Tommy R. Conley, 22, of Finland, Mich., died Saturday, June 16, 2001, while hiking near the Temperance River.

Mr. Conley enjoyed spending time with his family and being outdoors, hiking and picking rocks. He was a gourmet chef at home and enjoyed making religious music and sharing it with others. He was a member of Northwoods Word of Life in Angora, Minn., and had been attending ministry school at Threshing Floor Ministries in Finland.

He was born Feb. 10, 1979, in Hillsdale, Mich., to Ellis and Brenda (Barrnett) Conley, who survive.

Surviving are his wife, Michele; two daughters, Aurora and Emily; his sisters, Kimberly, Jenny, Marilyn and her daughter, Savannah, all of Angola; grandparents Rudy and Virginia Barrnett of Hillsdale; his grandfather Conley; many aunts, uncles and cousins and friends; and soul brothers Ryan Anderson and family and Mike Osborne Sr. and Mike Osborne Jr.; and his church family.

Services were held today in Finland. Arrangements were made by Cavallin Funeral Home, Two Harbors, Mich.

Emily Wells

INDIANAPOLIS — Emily C. Wells, 3, died Sunday, June 17, 2001, at her home.

She was born March 22, 1998, in Indianapolis to Jason Wells, formerly of Auburn, and Lisa (Bergman) Wells.

Surviving are both parents; one brother, Richard Ethan, age 6 months; a paternal grandmother, Beverly Wells of Auburn; a maternal grandmother, Marcia Bergman of Wilmette, Ill.; an aunt and uncle, Robin and John Scranage of Corunna; and an uncle, Brad Bergman of Chicago.

Private services will be held Wednesday at Bethel United Methodist Church, Indianapolis.

Calling is today from 4-9 p.m. at Flanner-Buchanan Mortuary, Indianapolis.

Memorials are to the National Tay-Sachs and Allied Diseases Association of the March of Dimes.

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Kenneth Parsell

PLEASANT LAKE — Kenneth Duane Parsell, 54, died Monday, June 18, 2001, at 2:20 p.m. in his Pleasant Lake home.

He worked at Edgerton Metals in Edgerton, Ohio, for over 20 years. He also worked at the Ford garage in Angola, as a truck driver, and at Ashley Hardware and Flush Door.

He was a 1966 graduate of Prairie Heights High School and lived most his life in Hamilton. He was associated with the congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses in Fremont. He was an avid wood craftsman.

Mr. Parsell was born Nov. 30, 1946, in Hudson. His mother, Princess (Kline) Parsell, preceded him in death in 1972. His father and stepmother, Glenn and Mildred (Shively) Parsell, survive.

Also surviving him are his former wife, Jonna (Sutton) Vingoe of Hamilton; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Joshua Lee and Kymberlie Parsell of Fremont, and Travis Dean Parsell of Flint, Ind.; one daughter, Tracy Ann Parsell of Yorktown; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Ellen Parsell of Martinsville, and John Richard and Margaret Parsell of Waterloo; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Glenda and James McClellan of Ashley, Marilyn and William McClellan of Hudson, Kathleen and Chris Cretsinger of Pleasant Lake, and Karen and Randy Mills of Pleasant Lake; 17 nieces and nephews, 19 great-nieces and great-nephews; and one great-great-niece.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with speaker Kevin Stayner officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Wednesday from 8-10 a.m. and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Libbie Hall

ANGOLA — Libbie Ann Hall, age 4 months and 23 days, died Monday, June 18, 2001, at her home in Angola.

She was born Jan. 26, 2001, in Angola, to Chad R. and Carrie (Eddy) Hall, who survive.

Also surviving are maternal grandparents, Everett and Virginia Eddy of Michigan City; paternal grandparents, Donald R. and Helen Hall of Angola; a paternal great-grandmother, Alberta Goulin of Canada; a brother, Kyle Hall, at home; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Chris Cain officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family of Chad and Carrie Hall.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Scott Eugene Crawford**, 34, died Sunday in a motorcycle accident at mile marker 84 on I-69 in Huntington County. Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla. Calling is 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

KENDALLVILLE — **Tillie I. Keck**, 83, died Sunday at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center. Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

ALBION — **Paul M. Mann Jr.**, 70, died Monday at Whitley Memorial Hospital, Columbia City. Private family services will be at a later date. No calling.

Esma E. Miller

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Bryan, Ohio — 1920-2001

Esma E. Miller, 81, of rural Bryan, Ohio, a retired finisher, died Sunday, June 17, 2001, at Community Hospitals of Williams County.

The DeKalb County, Ind., native was retired from Bryan Custom Plastics after 17 years of service. She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church. Surviving are a daughter, Phyllis Caperton of Bryan; grandsons John and James Caperton, both of Bryan; stepgranddaughters Jessica, Becky, Natasha and Stephanie; and two great-grandchildren. Her husband, Phillip H., preceded her in death. Graveside services are 9 a.m. Wednesday at Maple Grove Cemetery. Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton. Memorials are to the family.

Information provided by Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio, 1-419-298-2329.

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Floyd Jacobsen

GARRETT — Floyd N. "Jake" Jacobsen, 70, died Monday, June 18, 2001, at 8:27 p.m. at his Garrett home.

He was an engineer on the CSX Railroad for 30 years, retiring in 1996. he had lived in Garrett for 23 years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and Corunna Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Jacobsen was born March 21, 1931, in Chicago to Jacob and Esther (Davidson) Jacobsen.

He married Christine L. King on Dec. 24, 1977, in Cedar Lake, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Matt Jacobsen of Cedar Lake and Mike Jacobsen of Crown Point; one daughter, Dawn Jacobsen of Garrett; one sister, Dawn Clark of Tucson, Ariz.; and three grandchildren.

A brother, Edward Jacobsen, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Pastor Lois Watkins officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett, with military services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Kellie M. Franke

FORT WAYNE — Kellie M. Franke, 36, died Monday, June 18, 2001, at her home.

She was a graduate of Concordia Lutheran High School and Ball State University and was a lifetime member of Trinity English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born on Feb. 8, 1965, in Fort Wayne to William J. and Patricia M. (Biddle) Franke. Both parents survive at Lake James in Angola.

Also surviving are one son, William Hayden Franke; and four brothers, Wesley Franke of Angola, and Wade Franke, Wynn Franke and Warren Franke, all of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by one brother, William Jeff Franke, in 1972.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Trinity English Lutheran Church, 405 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne. The Rev. Frederick Hasecke and the Rev. Richard G. Frazier will officiate.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl and Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, Fort Wayne and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to her son in care of Wells Fargo Bank, Fort Wayne.

Dixie L. Smith

ANGOLA — Dixie L. Smith, 57, of Angola, died Tuesday afternoon, June 19, 2001, at Woodview Healthcare in Fort Wayne.

She worked at Tokheim in Fort Wayne for more than 20 years in the inventory control department.

She was a member of the Angola Christian Church and Early Birds Bowling.

She was born Oct. 17, 1943, in Hamilton, to Cecil E. and Creo K. (Shook) Gall.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Vern and Peggy Smith of Angola; one daughter and son-in-law, Jacquelyn and Scott Cole of Ossian; two brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Janet Gall of Fort Wayne, and Henry and Susie Gall of Angola; and two sisters and one brother-in-law, Carolyn and Dick Bacon of Hamilton and Sheila Button of Hamilton; and five grandchildren, Brandy, Brandon, Brittany, Sean and Seth.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters, Dotie, Alverta and Dorothy.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church. Pastor Robert Knowlton will officiate. Interment will be in Hamilton Cemetary.

Calling is Thursday from 3-8 p.m. at the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton.

Memorials are to the Angola Christian Church.

Area Deaths

MIDDLEBURY — **Rollin Frey**, 87, died Tuesday at Hickory Creek Health Care, Goshen. Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Forks Mennonite Church, Middlebury, with calling there 2-8 p.m. Thursday.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2001

Wilford Dunkel

LOGANSPORT — Wilford E. Dunkel, 80, died Tuesday, June 19, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a retired farmer and had worked with the LaGrange County Farm Bureau Corp. He had lived all his life in LaGrange County until 2000, when he moved to Logansport.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Logansport. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy in World War II, serving from 1942-1946 as a Gunnersmate First Class on the U.S.S. Sawfish and the U.S.S. Argonaut in the submarine service.

He was born March 15, 1921, in LaGrange County to Elmer and Florence (Alleshouse) Dunkel. On Dec. 3, 1944, in Orland, he married Lois M. Wilson, who survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Barbara Dunkel of Logansport; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Fred Adams of Davao City, Philippines; a brother, Mahlon Dunkel of LaGrange; a special aunt, Ruby Alleshouse; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Larry Dunkel, Nov. 3, 1967, and a brother, Virgil Dunkel.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Revs. Mike Dominick and Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling is 3-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist churches of Logansport and LaGrange.

James Griffin

GARRETT — James A. Griffin, 82, died today, June 21, 2001, at 6 a.m. in his Garrett home.

He was a farmer for 40 years, retiring in 1972. He then sold real estate for Diederich Real Estate in Garrett for 20 years. He was a member of the Garrett Nazarene Church for over 65 years and a lifetime resident of the Garrett area.

Mr. Griffin was born Jan. 23, 1919, in DeKalb County to Jesse C. and Blanche (Hollowpeter) Griffin.

He married Ruth W. Wiley on Oct. 21, 1937, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Paul Eugene Griffin of Valreco, Fla.; two daughters, Connie Jo Strong of Garrett and Karen Sue Davis of Indianapolis; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Warren, Albert, Ivan, Russell and Harry Griffin, and one sister, Mary H. Swain.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Garrett Nazarene Church, with calling after 1 p.m. Pastor David Farling will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Additional calling is Saturday from 2-5 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice.

Carrie Lavender

ANGOLA — Carrie J. Lavender, 64, died Wednesday, June 20, 2001, at 10:40 a.m. in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Higher Height International Church in Angola.

Mrs. Lavender was born Nov. 14, 1946, in Wappapello, Mo., to Thomas and Thursa (Trindle) Cutler. They preceded her in death.

She married James E. Lavender on May 18, 1985, in Hudson. He died Feb. 20, 1997.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 11:15 a.m. in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna, with Pastor Kenneth Row officiating.

Calling is Friday from 10-11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Area Deaths

LEO-CEDARVILLE — **Raymond W. Brandt**, 72, died Tuesday at home. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Grabill Missionary Church. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday and 10-11 a.m. Saturday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

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Ethel Kern

KENDALLVILLE — Ethel May Kern, 96, died at 1:05 a.m. Thursday June 21, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She was a graduate of Ashley High School, Ashley. She was a homemaker and a member of First Christian Church, Kendallville. She had lived on her own until entering Hickory Creek Nursing Home in mid-May.

She was born Aug. 28, 1904, to Marion and Bessie (Brand) Benjamin. On June 15, 1923, at Cedar Lake she married Arthur William Russell Kern, who preceded her in death in November 1975.

A sister, Ruth Flannery; a stepbrother, Revis Robinson, and a grandson, Rusty Kern, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Russell Kern of Rio Rico, Ariz., Dean and Ilene Kern of Bluffton and Walter and Helen Kern of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Arlene and Wayne Hart of Avilla and Gloria "Jeanne" and David Ziclimski of Pretoria, South Africa; a sister, Esther Dirr of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; 25 grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with Duane Brown officiating. Burial will be at Fairfield Center Cemetery, DeKalb County.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Christian Church.

Ruth Bodenhafer

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth I. Bodenhafer, 80, died at 6:40 p.m. Thursday, June 21, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. She had been in failing health for a year.

She was a lifetime area resident who, with her husband, owned and operated the A&W Drive-In in Kendallville.

Mrs. Bodenhafer was a member of English Prairie Church of the Brethren in Brighton and a lifetime member of the Good Sam Camping Club.

She was born Jan. 5, 1921, in Howe to Earl and Bessie (Ransbottom) Overholser. On Feb. 28, 1940, in Kendallville she married Ralph J. Bodenhafer, who preceded her in death Aug. 26, 1997.

A brother also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles "Chuck" and Sharon Bodenhafer of Huntertown; two daughters and sons-in-law, Charlene "Char" and Dennis Koch of Fort Wayne and Connie and Robert Ashby of Kendallville; a brother, Monroe "Minnie" Overholser of Ashley; three sisters, Florence Reeves and Lois Alexander, both of Kendallville, and Helen McDorman of Texas; five grandchildren, Robin, Thomas and Aimee Jo Ashby, Cheri Hafferkamp and Brenda McBride; and six great-grandchildren, Cassandra and Bailey McBride, Alyssa and Kurt Hafferkamp and Megan and Brooke Ashby.

Services are 3 p.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Jim Toole officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 10 a.m.-noon and 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Fort Wayne, Provena Sacred Heart Home or donor's choice.

John Stayner

HUDSON — John L. Stayner, 70, of Hudson, died Wednesday, June 20, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stayner was a quality control supervisor at Lyall Assemblies Inc. He retired after serving 20 years with the Indiana National Guard. He was a member of the Indiana National Guard's 38th Division Rifle Team.

He was a member of the Pleasant View Church of Christ. He had worked at Wilder-Sanxter Furniture, Angola, and Riley's Gunshop and Supply in Avilla. He also was the owner of Dry Fire Gun Repair Shop.

He was born Nov. 20, 1930, in Steuben County to Robert and Helen (Thomas) Stayner. His mother survives in Angola.

On Dec. 16, 1982, he married Catherine (Carl) Miller Stayner, who survives at home.

Also surviving are two sons, Jeff Stayner of Cape Canaveral, Fla., and John Chase Stayner of Angola; three stepsons, Michael Miller of Spring Harbor, Mich., and Robert and Gary Miller, both of Huntington; a daughter, Karla Aumsbaugh of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Deborah Scher of Huntington; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Roy Stayner.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Jackson Prairie Cemetery, Jackson Township, Steuben County, with Tim Seevers officiating. There will be no calling.

Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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Nona Wells

ANGOLA — Nona Catherine Wells, 91, of Angola, died Wednesday, June 21, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wells, an Angola resident most of her life, was a homemaker. She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola, and the Evangelical Church Women's Group, and a 50-year member of Angola Eastern Star chapter No. 78.

She managed the Kroger grocery store in Angola from 1940-45, and was a 1929 Angola High School graduate.

She was born March 29, 1910, in Continental, Ohio, to Orville and Faye (Wert) Agner.

On May 25, 1943, she married Cleon E. Wells. He died Feb. 9, 1984.

Surviving are a daughter, Myla Jean Wells of Auburn, and two sisters, Mary Elizabeth Bachelor of Orland and Ora Ailene Siders of New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Donald Meyers officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Calvary Lutheran Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Valda Heller

PLEASANT LAKE — Valda M. Heller, 83, died Wednesday, June 20, 2001, in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

Mrs. Heller was formerly a cashier at Frank's IGA in Garrett and a seamstress at Stern's Clothing Store in Garrett.

She was a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church in Pleasant Lake, Sigma Phi Sorority, and Ladies of the Elks and Eagles Auxiliary, both in Garrett. She lived in Pleasant Lake and enjoyed yard work and fishing.

She was born May 19, 1918, in Morristown, Mich.

Surviving are her husband, Robert O. Heller of Pleasant Lake; three sons, Ray Bickel of California, Eric Bickel of Angola and Ronald Bickel of Pleasant Lake; two stepsons, Richard Heller of Hudson and Larry Heller of Kendallville; four stepdaughters, Janice Speeks of Indian Harbor, Fla., and Karen Grogg, Kathy Jarnagin and Cindy Lechleidner, all of Auburn; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date in Mount Zion Cemetery, Pleasant Lake. There will be no calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Thomas Jackson

HUDSON — Thomas R. Jackson, 56, died Thursday, June 21, 2001, at 10:10 a.m. in his rural Hudson home.

He was a self-employed contractor and a member of Calvary Chapel Fellowship of Stroh.

Mr. Jackson was born June 19, 1945, in Ashley to Cecil and Delores (Gaetz) Jackson. His mother survives in Ashley. His father died in 1997.

He married Berniece Wells on Nov. 3, 1979, in Hudson, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Chad Jackson, at home, and Robert Davis of Illinois; one daughter, Becky Ward of Denver; two stepdaughters, Peggy Oberdorf of Auburn and Kathy Handley of Garrett; four brothers, Larry Jackson of LaGrange, Jerome "Jerry" Jackson of Fremont, John Jackson of Ashley and Edward Jackson of Denver; one sister, Rose Marie Grogg of rural Hudson; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Gary Rifenburg officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. and Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Kathryn Smith

FORT WAYNE — Kathryn E. (Mefford) Smith, 81, died Thursday, June 21, 2001, at St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne.

She was a registered nurse with Ellis Hospital in Schenectady, N.Y., for 25 years, retiring in 1977. She was born in Illion, N.Y., and was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Surviving her are one son, David C. Smith of of Atlanta; a daughter, Karen Nolan of Fort Wayne; a brother, Donald T. Mefford of Auburn; three grandsons and two great-grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James N. Smith, in 1973, and a brother, Gordon Mefford, in 1991.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, Northeast Indiana Region.

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THE EVENING STAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2001

Marseille A. Heck

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Marseille A. Heck, 80, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, June, 16, 2001, at Byron Health Center.

The Auburn native was a homemaker. Surviving are a granddaughter, Danielle Heck of Kemp, Texas; and a grandson, Bobby Heck of Chile. She was preceded in death by her husband, Francis W. There are no services or calling. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Information provided by Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, 432-2508.

Nancy House

FORT WAYNE — Nancy Marie House, 58, of Warren, died Friday, June 22, 2001, at 12:53 a.m. in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. House was a homemaker and a former cook at Huntington Memorial Hospital. A life long resident of Huntington County, Mrs. House was a member of the Wesleyan Church and the Joy Pleasers Christian Ministries, both of Huntington.

She was born on December 13, 1942 in Huntington, to Eldon and Josephine (Denton) Sands. Her mother survives.

She married Darrell House on August 28, 1996, in Huntington. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, the Rev. Allen Shane Golden of Springfield, MO; three daughters and sons-in-laws, Mark and Sonja Ottinger of Cromwell; Mark and Penni Seivers of Columbia City; and Kelly Townsend of Huntington; three brothers, Ted Sands of Hartford City; J.D. Sands of Hartford City; and Randy Sands of Huntington; one sister and brother-in-law, Marvin and Sandra Kuntz, of Abilene, Kansas; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, at the Wesleyan Church. The Revs. Al Soultz and Allen Golden will officiate.

Burial will be in the Gardens of memory Cemetary, Muncie. Calling is from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday, June 25 at the Bailey-Love Mortuary in Huntington.

Memorials are to the Joy Pleasers Christian Ministries and Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Margaret Slone

KIMMELL — Margaret M. Slone, 37, of Kimmell, died Thursday, June 21, 2001, at 9:00 a.m. in her home.

She was employed at Home Crest in Goshen. She was a graduate of West Noble High School and was active in 4-H.

Mrs. Slone was born to Charles "Chuck" Hammack and Theresa "Jane" (Conner) Hammack, on March 15, 1964 in Goshen. Her parents survive.

She married Ron Slone on January 1, 1993, in Cromwell. He died on June 22, 2001.

Also surviving are two sons, Craig Stepherson, and Andrew Slone, both of Kimmell; two step daughters, Teresa Slone and Linda Slone, both of Kimmell; two sisters, Penny Lehman and Dawn Hursey, both of Ligonier; two half sisters, Darleen Hammack of Fort Wayne, and Doreen Hammack of Auburn; her grandparents, Edward Conner of Ligonier and Margaret Conner of Cromwell; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a half brother, Mathew Hammack.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday, June 25, in Orr Funeral Home. Pastor Gary Lovens will officiate. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetary in Kimmell. Visitation is from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Sunday, June 24, at Orr Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Norman Seidel

KENDALLVILLE — Norman Edwin Seidel, 81, of Kendallville, died on Friday, June 22, 2001, at 8:20 a.m. at Parkview-Noble Hospital.

Mr. Seidel graduated in the class of 1938 from Kendallville High School. He served in the US Army during World War II. He was a lifetime member of St. John Lutheran Church of Kendallville, serving in many capacities over the years. Together with his wife, he recieved in 1990 St. John's Service Recognition Award. He was chairman of the deacons; co-chairman of the expansion committee, chairman of the stewardship committee; treasurer of the church; on the board of social welfare and the long range planning committee; chairman of the building committee of the Multipurpose Addition in 1968-69; and chairman of the congregation at St. John's. He was the secretary of the Aid Association for Lutherans for 35 years.

Mr. Seidel was also active in the Kendallville Kiwanis Club. A member since 1956, he served as president in 1962, and secretary between 1965 to 2000. He was presented a Life Membership to the Kiwanis International club. He served on many local committees and community projects. He was presented with the J.L. McCulloch Award, Indiana's highest Kiwanis honor, in February 1999. He was also on the board of directors for the Kendallville Investment Group, Inc.

He was born on March 6, 1920, to John and Clara (Schrieber) Siedel, in Kendallville.

He married Lorraine Karlen on August 16, 1941, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Elizabeth Seidel, of Elk Grove, Illinois; one daughter, Deborah Campbell, of Garrett; one brother and sister-in-law, Scottie Seidel, of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Lauren, Kent and Lynsey Seidel, all of Elk Grove, Illinois; Luke, Shelly and Zach Meade, all of Garrett; and Drew and Dirk Campbell also of Garrett.

One brother, Harold Seidel and one sister, Henrietta Stoneburner, both preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday, June 26, at 11:00 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. The Rev. Paul Greibel will officiate.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetary, Kendallville.

Calling is from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Monday, June 25, at Hite Funeral Home. There will also be visitation one hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2001

Longtime church, community leader Norman Seidel, 81, dies

KENDALLVILLE — Norman Edwin Seidel, 81, of Kendallville, died on Friday, June 22, 2001, at 8:20 a.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. Seidel graduated in the Class of 1938 from Kendallville High School. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a lifetime member of St. John Lutheran Church of Kendallville, serving in many capacities over the years. Together with his wife, he received St. John's Service Recognition Award in 1990. He was chairman of the deacons; co-chairman of the Expansion Committee, chairman of the Stewardship Committee; treasurer of the church; on the board of Social Welfare and the Long-range Planning Committee; chairman of the Building Committee of the Multipurpose Addition in 1968-69; and chairman of the congregation at St. John. He was the secretary of the Aid Association for Lutherans for Branch 466 for 35 years. He was a volunteer at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home for many years and was a bus driver for resident outings.

Mr. Seidel was also active in the Kendallville Kiwanis Club. A member since 1956, he served as president in 1962, and secretary between 1965 to 2000. He was presented a Life Membership to the Kiwanis International club. He served on many local committees and community projects. He was presented with the J.L. McCulloch Award, Indiana's highest Kiwanis honor, in February 1999. He was also on the board of directors for the Kendallville Investment Group, Inc.

He was a 50-year member of the American Legion and served as adjutant during the 1970s.

Mr. Seidel worked at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville for 35 years until it closed, and then for nine years at Commercial Shearing in Butler.

Mr. Seidel

He was born on March 6, 1920, in Kendallville to John and Clara (Schrieber) Seidel. He married Lorraine Karlen on Aug. 16, 1941, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Elizabeth Seidel, of Elk Grove, Ill.; one daughter, Deborah Campbell, of Garrett; one brother and sister-in-law, Howard and Scottie Seidel, of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Lauren, Kent and Lynsey Seidel, all of Elk Grove; Luke, Shelly and Zach Meade, all of Garrett; and Drew and Dirk Campbell also of Garrett.

A brother, Harold Seidel, and a sister, Henrietta Stoneburner, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. The Rev. Paul Griebel will officiate.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 until 8 p.m. on Monday at Hite Funeral Home. There will also be visitation one hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church.

Funeral Tuesday for Jane Burlage

GARRETT — Jane Ann Burlage, 48, died Friday, June 22, 2001, at 8:50 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Burlage was a homemaker and had lived in Garrett for 25 years. She was a Christian, a community volunteer and loved animals.

Mrs. Burlage

She was born Sept. 15, 1952, in Fort Wayne to Melvin and Betty (Healea) Volz. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Stephen Burlage on Oct. 24, 1970, in Fort Wayne and he survives.

Also surviving her are three daughters, Rachel Saunders of Fort Wayne, Melanie Burlage-Haynes of Avilla and Stephanie Burlage of Garrett; one brother, Rick Volz of Dayton, Ohio; and three grandchildren, Madeline and Jackson Haynes, both of Avilla, and Elizabeth Saunders of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, 2939 County Road 15, Auburn, with calling there after 10 a.m. The Rev. Don Shankster will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, in rural Garrett.

Additional calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren or Garrett High School softball.

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Evening Star, Sunday, June 24, 2001 (cont'd)

Ronnie Slone

KIMMELL — Ronnie Slone, 33, of Kimmell, died June 22, 2001, at 12:48 a.m. in Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Slone attended West Noble High School. He enjoyed the outdoors, working on cars and motorcycling. He was a lifetime Noble County resident.

He was born on Nov. 14, 1967, in Goshen, to John L. and Ethel (Caudill) Slone.

He married Margaret Hammack on Jan. 1, 1993. She died June 21, 2001.

Surviving are one son, Andrew Slone, of Kimmell; two daughters, Teresa Slone and Linda Slone, both of Kimmell; a stepson Greg Stephersen of Kimmell; a brother, Randall Slone of Churubusco; a sister, Patricia Slone of Hart, Mich.; and his stepmother, Patricia Slone of Ligonier.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. The Rev. Elbert Hagerman will officiate. Slone's uncle, Lee Maggard, will deliver the eulogy.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2001

Angelo Tsetse I

KENDALLVILLE — Angelo C. Tsetse I, 69, died at 11:15 a.m. Saturday, June 23, 2001, at home in Kendallville.

He served in the U.S. Navy, being discharged in 1955. He worked for 18 years as a laborer at Slater Steel. He was a member of the Navy Club, American Legion Post 86 and the Greek Orthodox Church.

He was born Jan. 19, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Christ and Pauline (Gounaris) Tsetse.

Surviving are a son, Angelo C. Tsetse II of Kendallville; a brother, Naumi Tsetse of Fort Wayne; a sister, Olga Hayes of Fort Wayne; and a granddaughter, Cassie.

A sister, Fannie Odier, preceded him in death.

Services are Wednesday at 10 a.m. at C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne, with Pastor Shawn Sheperd officiating. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Mildred Scott

AUBURN — Mildred E. LaRowe Scott, 94, died Saturday, June 23, 2001, at 10 p.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mrs. Scott was a homemaker. She was born Jan. 1, 1907, in Wolcottville to William and Clara (Metzger) Zimmerman.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Delbert LaRowe and Ted Scott.

Surviving her are five sons, Paul LaRowe of Waterloo, Bill LaRowe of Sevierville, Tenn., Dean LaRowe of Harrison, Mich., Ronald LaRowe of Okeechobee, Fla., and Alan LaRowe of Auburn; two daughters, Charlotte Whittington of Auburn and Evelyn Russell of Mancelona, Mich.; 34 grandchildren, several great-children and several great-great-grandchildren.

One son, Robert LaRowe, one brother, and three sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. John Hostetter officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Eva Hymen

ALBION — Eva "Effie" Hymen, 79, died Saturday, June 23, 2001, in Columbia City.

The Pine Village native was a homemaker.

Surviving are a son, James T. Hymen of Altoona, Wis.; three daughters, Patricia J. Christensen of Clearwater, Fla., Carol Ann Schmitz of Richmond and Mary E. Carpenter of Albion; two sisters, Virginia C. Hall and Kathryn L. Querry, both of Pine Village; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Her husband, James Earl Hymen, preceded her in death in 1998.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Entombment will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling is 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Evening Star, Mon., June 25, 2001 (cont'd)

Carl Keske

VAN WERT, Ohio — Capt. Carl L. Keske, 26, died Thursday, June 21, 2001, at 3:30 p.m. in Abington Memorial Hospital near Philadelphia, Pa., as a result of a pedestrian-auto accident.

He was a captain in the U.S. Army 44th Signal Battalion and was currently stationed in Manheim, Germany, where he would have completed his tour of duty July 28. He was to attend the George H. Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University in August in pursuit of a master's degree in public service with a concentration in international affairs.

He graduated from Bellevue High School in 1993. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in history and Middle Eastern studies from Cornell University in 1997, where he was inducted into the Quill and Dagger Honor Society. He was an All-American Wrestler and an academic All-American in 1997. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bellevue, Ohio, and a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Capt. Keske was born Oct. 2, 1974, in Madison, Wis., to Loren G. and Jane (Ashman) Keske. They survive in Van Wert, Ohio. His father works at Central Soya in Waterloo.

Also surviving are two grandmothers, Elsie Keske of Whitewater, Wis., and Lucile Ashman of Van Wert; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Catherine Keske-Handley and Jeff Handley of Bailey, Colo., and Theresa Keske and Anthona Sberna of Lawrenceville, Ga.; two nephews, Maverick and Braeden Handley of Bailey; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. (Indiana time) in the First United Methodist Church in Bellevue, with calling from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Pastor Doug Lewis will officiate. Burial will be at a later date. Additional calling is at the church fellowship hall after the service.

Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home, Van Wert, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Carl L. Keske Memorial Fund, Firelands Federal Credit Union, 221 E. Main St., P.O. Box 8005, Bellevue OH 44811.

Betty Beard

PLEASANT LAKE — Betty J. Beard, 76, died Friday, June 22, 2001, at 9:41 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Beard retired from Sechler's Pickles of St. Joe after 31 years of service. She was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley. She lived in Pleasant Lake and was formerly a long-time Butler resident.

She was born March 20, 1925, in Edgerton, Ohio, to George and Helen (Siebenaler) Groff.

She married Donald Beard on April 26, 1947, in Auburn and he survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Martha Beard of Lexington, S.C.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Kenneth and Fran Groff of Chicago, Maurice and Ruth Groff of Butler, and Donald and Sue Groff of Edgerton; one sister, Doris Singleton of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Laura Beard of Pleasant Lake, Tim Beard and his fiancee, Tara Freeman, both of Lexington, S.C. and Alicia Beard, also of Lexington, S.C.

Two brothers, Marvin and Edward Groff, and one brother-in-law, Lavon Singleton, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. (Indiana time) in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, with Pastor Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Calling is today from 1-7 p.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude or Riley Children's hospitals.

Perry Bontrager

SHIPSHEWANA — Perry A. Bontrager, 86, died at 7:25 p.m. Sunday, June 24, 2001, at home. He was in declining health.

He was a farmer who lived in the area all his life. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Jan. 13, 1915, in LaGrange County to Andy L. and Polly (Miller) Bontrager. On Dec. 14, 1939, in Middlebury he married Ida Wingard, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Kathryn Lambright and Edward Lambright Jr. of Shipshewana; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Vernon Bontrager of Beehler, Ill., Olen and Wilma Bontrager of Topeka, DeWayne and LeAnna Bontrager of Shipshewana and Pete and Jan Bontrager of Goshen; a sister, Susie Miller of Shipshewana; 27 grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 44 stepgreat-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Levi A. A. Bontrager, April 7, 1996, and a son-in-law, John Yoder.

Services are 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the family home, 7035W C.R. 250N, Shipshewana, with Bishops Lewis Hochstetler and Marvin Bontrager and the Rev. Mervin Beachy officiating. Burial will be at East Barens Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the family home.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Edward Richter Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Edward J. Richter Jr., 63, died Saturday, June 23, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Plymouth, Mass., native was a field engineer 45 years before retiring this year.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis J. Richter; two daughters, Kim Bodigon of Roanoke and Sharon Richter of Fort Wayne; a son, David Richter of Beavercreek, Ohio; and a brother, Richard Richter of Ligonier.

Services are at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road. Burial will be at I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart or Diabetes associations.

Evening Star, Mon., June 25, 2001 (cont'd)

Earl Gibson

STROH — Earl Dan Gibson, 71, died Sunday, June 24, 2001, at home in Stroh.

He had lived in the area 49 years, coming there from Kentucky Sept. 1, 1952. He worked at Lane Foundry for one year and retired from Newnam Foundry after 37 years. He was a member of the Stroh Fire Department for over 35 years.

He was born Aug. 9, 1929, in Vest, Ky., to the Rev. Dan and Margaret (Grigsby) Gibson. On Feb. 28, 1949, in Vest he married Kathleen Tuttle, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Rose Marie and Charles Ritchie and Rita and Floyd Miller, all of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Carol Gibson of LaGrange; a sister, Sophie Slone of LaGrange; nine grandchildren, Linda (Ritchie) Conner, John Ritchie, Dan and Chris Krieder, Amanda (Miller) Maxwell, Melinda (Miller) Van Auken and Melissa (Miller) Taylor, all of LaGrange, and Brandon and Cole Gibson of Homer, Mich.; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Gibson, in 1966; and three sisters, Lillian Wallen, Flossie Tuttle and Ida Ousley.

Services are at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hutchins Funeral Home, S.R. 9, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Birtchel Mosley Jr. officiating. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel, LaGrange County.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Stroh Fire Department or Parkview Home Health and Hospice of LaGrange.

James Friskney

ALBION — James E. Friskney, 83, died Sunday morning, June 24, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He had retired from General Electric in 1977 after 24 years of service and had farmed. He was a member of Burr Oak Baptist Church who enjoyed gardening and winters in Florida.

He was born Oct. 29, 1917, in Noble County to Archie and Clara (Ott) Friskney. On Sept. 30, 1939, in Nine Mile he married Ester Roberson, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and George Atkinson of Columbia City and Louise and Danny Stangland of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Joy Friskney of Ligonier; a sister, Martha Jane Johnson of Albion; three brothers, Boyd Friskney of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., Willis Friskney of Albion and Merle "Bud" Friskney of Arvada, Colo.; and four grandchildren, Tim Atkinson and Kristin Mains, both of Columbia City, Trisha Miller of Fort Wayne and Erik Stangland of Seymour.

Services are at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Burr Oak Baptist Church, 501W C.R. 200S, Albion, with the Rev. Mark Woods officiating. Burial will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is 3-7 p.m. Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, and 9-10 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Burr Oak Baptist Church, 501W C.R 200S, Albion, IN 46701.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2001

Samuel Hunter

ANGOLA — Samuel L. "Louis" Hunter, 70, of Angola, died Sunday, June 24, 2001, in his home.

Mr. Hunter was an engineer for the Wabash Railroad, retiring in 1985. He was an Army National Guard veteran.

He was born March 11, 1931, in Algood, Tenn., to James S. and Amanda (Davis) Hunter.

He is survived by two daughters, Deborah Hunter of Pleasant Lake and Janice Hunter of Montpelier, Ohio; a brother, James "Con" Conrad Hunter of Algood; a sister, Inez Beevers of Algood; and four grandchildren.

A brother, Waldon Hunter, and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Tim Seevers officiating. Burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling is Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Evening Star, Tues., June 26, 2001 (cont'd)

Edna Addis

CHURUBUSCO — Edna I. Addis, 82, died at 6:50 p.m. Sunday, June 24, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient since May 30.

Mrs. Addis

She spent her lifetime in the Churubusco community. As an adult she worked for a time at Target, Fort Wayne. In 1978 she retired from Essex Wire and Cable, Fort Wayne. She was a member of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, the Garrett Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary and the Churubusco American Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born in Churubusco Nov. 23, 1918, to Charles M. and Mary L. (Tucker) Wilkins. On Nov. 23, 1934, she married William E. Addis, who preceded her in death May 30, 1968.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Mary Marie Addis; a son, Robert Lee Addis; a brother, Frank Wilkins; and two sisters, Lena Ferguson and Elma Garrison.

Surviving are a daughter, Doris Mudrack of Garrett; two sons and daughters-in-law, William E. Addis Jr. and Sharon Addis of Tucson, Ariz., and Mitchell E. and Connie Addis of Colon, Mich.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Fannie and Homer Whittaker of Columbia City and Martha and Harold Bushong of Albion; a brother, Dawson Wilkins of Corpus Christi, Texas; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Kevin Hathaway

HUNTERTOWN — Kevin M. Hathaway, 39, died Monday, June 25, 2001, at 9:05 a.m. shortly after arriving in the emergency room at Dupont Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hathaway was employed as a machinist at GCG Industries in Fort Wayne, and formerly worked at Food Marketing in Fort Wayne for 15 years. He was also a school bus driver for Northwest Allen County School Corp.

He lived in Huntertown and was a member of Huntertown United Methodist Church. He attended Northrop High School and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He also had lived in Avilla.

He was born Dec. 17, 1961, in Fort Wayne to Glen Richard and Ann (Eber) Hathaway. His mother survives in Huntertown and his father is deceased.

He married Rose Decker on Aug. 12, 1983, in Huntertown, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jacob, a junior at Carroll High School; a daughter, Katy Hathaway, a sophomore at Carroll High School; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Michael and Tammy Hathaway of Huntertown, and Glen Richard Hathaway Jr. and Brenda Hathaway, also of Huntertown; a sister and brother-in-law, Michelle and Rick Jackson of Fort Wayne; and his in-laws, Thomas and Sharon Decker of Huntertown.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Huntertown United Methodist Church, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Pastors Timothy Terrell and Sherri Long will officiate. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Additional calling is Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. and Thursday from 2-8 p.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Memorials are to the Hathaway children's education fund or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Beverly Need

AUBURN — Beverly A. Need, 51, died Friday, June 22, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She had been a resident of Auburn for the past five years. She was born April 2, 1950, in Morgan County to Wayne and Anna Need.

She was single and has no known survivors.

Graveside services will be conducted Thursday at 1 p.m. in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn. McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Hope Boden

AUBURN — Memorial services for Hope Ann (Burgoyne) Boden, 71, will be held Wednesday, July 11, at 10:30 a.m. at Greenhurst Country Club in Auburn.

The Rev. William Haworth of Auburn and the Rev. Rick Zimmer of Anderson will officiate.

Mrs. Boden died April 22 in Bokeelia, Fla., where she wintered. She was a long-time Auburn resident.

She taught high school and managed the paint department at the former Wolf & Dessauer Department Store in Fort Wayne. She also was a wedding consultant for Fort Wayne Bridal Shop and enjoyed being a hostess, often entertaining newlyweds and friends in her home.

She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, Tri Kappa and Pi Beta Phi sororities, Habanera Dance Club and Welcome to Florida International.

She was born Nov. 23, 1929, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Glenn and Ruth Burgoyne.

She attended high school in Auburn. She then attended Toledo University and Purdue University before graduating from Defiance College in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in home economics.

She married William H. Boden in 1951 and he survives.

Also surviving her are a sister and brother-in-law, Jayne Burgoyne Beeler and Dr. Frank Beeler of Anderson; a sister-in-law, Thelma Boden Boyer of Anderson; an aunt, Ruby Gates of Fort Wayne; a niece, Angela Beeler Smith of Glenn Ellyn, Ill.; a nephew, Bill Beeler of Anderson; six great-nieces and nephews, Jeffrey, Elyse and Brandon Smith, and Laura, Lauren and Julia Beeler; and nine cousins.

Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 448, Auburn IN 46706-0448; Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, 1600 S. Wayne St., Auburn IN 46706; Huber Opera House and Civic Center Inc., P.O. Box 75, Hicksville OH 43526 or Defiance College, Clinton Street, Defiance OH 43512.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2001

Virginia Fisher

FREMONT — Virginia A. "Gin" Fisher, 72, of Fremont, died Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Fisher, a homemaker, was a member of the Fremont American Legion Cassel Post 257 Women's Auxiliary. She was a past Fourth District president and a past president of the Fremont Auxiliary and the Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars Women's Auxiliary.

She was born June 25, 1929, in Bethel Township, Branch County, Mich.; to Randall and Lucille (Hillyer) Whitcomb.

On Sept. 27, 1953, she married Norman L. Fisher in Bronson, Mich. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Craig Fisher and Curt Fisher, both of Fremont; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and a brother, Harvey Whitcomb of Sturgis, Mich.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Jerry Whitcomb.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Norm Glassburn officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Support Group of Steuben County, in care of the funeral home.

Dorthea Schoudel

WATERLOO — Dorthea Schoudel, 92, died Monday, June 25, 2001, at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Schoudel was a cook for the Country Charm and Green Parrot restaurants in Waterloo for a total of 40 years, retiring in 1981. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and its rosary society, Harvest House and study club, and the Smithfield Home Demonstration Club.

She was born Nov. 25, 1908, in DeKalb County to Mathias and Magdalena Schiffli.

She married Anthony Schoudel on Oct. 11, 1938, in Waterloo. He died in 1974.

Surviving her are one son, Larry Schoudel of Waterloo; seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and 11 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one son, Mathias Schoudel; one brother, Herbert Schiffli; one sister, Gertrude Schiffli; and one grandson.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church of rural Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will begin tonight at 8 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Lucille Lung

GARRETT — Lucille Lung, 84, died Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at 5:35 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Lung owned and operated the 205 Garden Market in Garrett for 45 years and was a homemaker. She was a member of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren in Garrett and the Gideons Auxiliary.

She was born Oct. 15, 1916, in Noble County to Floyd L. and Olive (Williams) Bradley.

She married Walter L. Lung on June 4, 1935, in Garrett. He died Feb. 10, 1999.

Surviving her are one son, Jan Lung of Angola; one daughter, Marcia Laundre of South Haven, Miss.; one brother, Vern Bradley of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Three brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, with the Rev. John McFarland officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to Gideons International or the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

Anna Hill

ANGOLA — Anna L. Hill, 80, of Angola and formerly of Sidney, Ohio, died Monday, June 25, 2001, at her residence.

Mrs. Hill attended the Chapel of the Lakes Presbyterian Church in Angola.

She had worked as a clerk at Isalys Dairy Store in downtown Sidney and at Bunny's Pharmacy.

She was born Sept. 20, 1920, in Richmond, Ky., to Thomas G. and Minnie F. (Kidd) Wright.

On Feb. 3, 1943, she married Harold E. Hill. He preceded her in death on Jan. 4, 1978.

Surviving are a son, Thomas Hill of Angola; a brother, Harry A. Wright of Albuquerque, N.M.; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at Cromes Funeral Home of Sidney, Ohio, with the Rev. James Oates officiating. Burial will be in Shelby Memory Gardens, Sidney.

Calling is Thursday from noon until 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

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Area Deaths

ROME CITY — **Lawrence E. Foote**, 88, died Monday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Rome City United Methodist Church. Calling is 4-8 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, and 4-8 p.m. Friday at the church. Masonic services are 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

LAGRANGE — **Michael Richard Miller**, 48, died Monday at home. Services are 10 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph's Catholic church, LaGrange, with the Rev. Dale Bauman officiating. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with a rosary said there at 8 p.m.

ROME CITY — **Lawrence E. Foote**, 88, died Monday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Rome City United Methodist Church. Calling is 4-8 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, and 4-8 p.m. Friday at the church. Masonic services are 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

LAGRANGE — **Michael Richard Miller**, 48, died Monday at home. Services are 10 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph's Catholic church, LaGrange, with the Rev. Dale Bauman officiating. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with a rosary said there at 8 p.m.

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Marcella Oiler

BUTLER — Marcella Oiler, 88, died Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at 3:15 p.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

She was born Jan. 30, 1913, in Butler to Arthur and Bessie (Stewart) Powers.

She married Forrest L. Oiler on June 30, 1934, in Angola. He died Nov. 24, 1998.

Surviving her are one daughter and son-in-law, Kathie and Mark Swaim of Butler.

A brother, Burdette Powers, and a sister, Eloise Poorman, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Butler Cemetery. There will be no calling.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Logan Legacy Fund-Girl Scouts of the Limberlost Council, Fort Wayne.

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Diane Evans

AUBURN — Diane L. Evans, 37, died Wednesday, June 27, 2001, at 4 a.m. in her Auburn home.

She owned and operated the Best Friends Pet Salon in Auburn for the past 10 years. She was a member of Auburn Ladies of the Moose and the Butler Eagles lodge.

She was born May 22, 1964, in Auburn to Ralph Harvey and Jackline Cox. Her mother survives in Waterloo and her father is deceased.

Also surviving her are one daughter, Kaliegh Stairhime, at home; one brother, Michael Harvey of Auburn; and one sister, Connie Jones of Waterloo.

Services will be held Sunday at p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Joe Freeman of the Altona Church of God officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Saturday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Richard Morlin

ANGOLA — Richard J. Morlin, 72, of Angola, died Thursday, June 28, 2001, at Life Care Center in LaGrange.

Mr. Morlin, a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, worked in factory maintenance and was a member of Grace Baptist Church and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born May 15, 1929, in Camden Township, Hillsdale County, Mich., to James and Maggie (Edinger) Morlin.

Surviving are a daughter, Debora Mudrack of Fort Wayne; a sister, Patricia Tidman of Angola; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eva, in 1984.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Dr. Bob Koenig officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Grace Baptist Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Ray Wiley

GARRETT — Ray F. Wiley, 73, died Thursday, June 28, 2001, at 7 a.m. in his Garrett home.

Mr. Wiley was a truck driver for Superior Dairy in Garrett, Garrett Flexible and Stanadyne of Garrett, and B.F. Goodrich Aerospace in Kendallville, retiring March 31, 1993. He owned Ray's Lock Service for 25 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett and the Garrett Eagles Lodge, and was a lifetime resident of Garrett.

Mr. Wiley

He was born March 30, 1928, in Garrett to James F. and Alta A. (Gump) Wiley.

He married Lillian L. Bartels on July 7, 1946, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving him are one daughter, Debra Wiley of Garrett; three sons, Larry Wiley of Chicago, Steve Wiley of Waterloo and Tom Wiley of Talbott, Tenn.; one brother, Howard Wiley of Garrett; one sister, Ruth Griffin of Garrett; and nine grandchildren.

One brother, Orville Wiley, and one sister, Martha Stimman, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, in rural Garrett.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church or Garrett Show Choir.

Maralene Miller

MARTIN, Ky. — Maralene D. Miller, 69, of Martin, Ky., formerly of Kendallville, died at 11:55 a.m., Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at the home of her daughter.

On Jan. 13, 1932, in Garrett, Ind., she was born to August and Vesta (Barber) Diederich. She married Alvin E. Miller on Oct. 24, 1953, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on Dec. 5, 1997.

She lived in Martin, Ky. for two years.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Tina Collins, Martin, Ky., and Sara and Terry Brown, Wayland, Ky.; three sisters, Wanda Elliot, LaGrange, Evelyn Baughman, Auburn, and Nancy Hazelton, Haines City, Fla.; two brothers, James and David Diederich, both of Garrett; seven grandchildren, Chastity Hyndman, Crystal Nichols, Carmellia, Catrina and Kevin Brown, Courtney Peters and Matraca Collins; and four great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Violet Eschelman and Gladys Dicks, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel, of St. John Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is today from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Richard Kleeman

MEADVILLE, Pa. — Richard Edward Kleeman, 74, died Friday, June 22, 2001, at his home in Meadville, following an illness of almost two years.

Mr. Kleeman attended the Fort Wayne School of Art from 1946 to 1948 and the Cape Cod School of Art in 1947. He received a bachelor of fine arts degree in 1951 and a master of fine arts detree in 1953, both from the University of Iowa. He came to Allegheny College in 1953 as an art instructor and was named an assistant professor in 1955, associate professor in 1962 and full professor in 1968. He was chair of the Allegheny art department from 1979 to 1987 and retired in 1993 after 40 years of teaching.

In addition to teaching, he had numerous local, regional and national exhibitions of his work. He was a consultant to the education department and co-author of the Independent Study Program of the Whitney Museum in New York City. He was director of the Whitney Museum-Smithsonian Institute Summer Program for Art Teachers. He spent several summers conducting workshops for Upward Bound.

His last 12 years of teaching at Allegheny included the Art in France summer program, offering studio courses in LePuy Notre Dame and study in Paris. Other student trips included London, England, Florence and Rome, Italy, and Athens, Greece.

In retirement, he was involved with Habitat for Humanity, Crawford County Historical Society and Meadville Council on the Arts. He was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Meadville. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Kleeman was born Dec. 12, 1926, in Auburn to Karl and Maude (Myers) Kleeman.

He married June Smith on July 18, 1948, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kay Kleeman and Wiwin Darmawan of Honolulu, Hawaii, a daughter, Ellen Stacy, and her partner, Kanaredorah, of Howardsville, Va., and a daughter, Anne Kleeman of Jupiter, Fla.; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Mark and Beth Kleeman of Loveland, Colo., and Eric Kleeman of Austin, Texas; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Marge Kleeman of Bradenton, Fla., Joseph and Rea Kleeman of St. Louis, Mo., and John and Nancy Kleeman of Windermere, Fla.; a sister and brother-in-law, Anita and Clyde Whitson of Auburn; and 10 grandchildren.

One brother, Walter Kleeman, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held in the Unitarian Universalist Church at a later date.

Memorials are to the Richard Kleeman Research Fund, in care of Amara Geffen, Allegheny College Art Department, 529 N. Main St., Meadville PA 16335.

Robert A. Waid Funeral Home Inc. of Meadville is in charge of arrangements.

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Hugh Reamer

ANGOLA — Hugh G. Reamer, 51, of Angola, died Thursday, June 28, 2001, at his residence.

Mr. Reamer was owner and broker for Reamer Realty of Steuben County and had worked at Angola Lumber Co. He was a member of the Holy Family Episcopal Church, Angola, and a volunteer with the Steuben County Literacy Coalition.

He was born Dec. 4, 1949, in South Bend to Bruce and Daphne J. (Granger-Brown) Reamer. His mother survives in Killen, Ala.

Also surviving are a son, Hugh C.G. Reamer of Angola; a daughter, Jessica Hollensteiner of Angola; a sister, Victoria Tiffany of Los Angeles; four grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, David Reamer.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Father Theron Lansford officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

Area Deaths

MIDDLEBURY — **Timothy Ray Miller**, 10-day-old son of Ervin D. and Darla M. (Miller) Miller, of Middlebury, died Thursday. Services at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the family residence at 10392 C.R. 26, Middlebury. Calling after 1 p.m. today at the residence.

SANFORD, FLA. — **Patricia W. Spencer**, 76, Sanford, Fla., formerly of Rome City, died Tuesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Calling today from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Fermin Dole

PLEASANT LAKE — Fermin P. Dole, 86, died Thursday, June 28, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Steuben County native was a farmer who served on the board of directors for the Federal Land Bank for several years. He was a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church since 1941, and served as chairman of the church trustees.

Surviving are his wife, Rhuie Dole; two daughters, Nellie Cronenwett of Bozeman, Mont., and Barbara Favorite of Pleasant Lake; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at the church. Burial will be at Mt. Zion Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the church.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Audra M. Frisbey**, 85, died Thursday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 2 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with calling there noon-2 p.m. Monday.

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Kenneth Harmon

SHREVE, Ohio — Kenneth L. Harmon, 47, died Friday, June 29, 2001, at his home in Shreve, Ohio.

He was director of research and development for Wooster Products and was a former pastor at the Nold Avenue Baptist Church. He enjoyed golfing and woodworking.

Mr. Harmon was born June 12, 1954, in Monroe, La., to Elmer "Bill" and Betty Jo (McComb) Harmon. His mother survives in Garrett and his father is deceased.

He married Paula Streit on Oct. 9, 1999, and she survives.

Also surviving are three children, Adrienne Clark, Isaac Harmon and Audrey Harmon, all of Garrett; two stepdaughters, Sandy Streit and Nikki Broughton, both of Wooster, Ohio; three brothers, John Stone of Warsaw, Joe Harmon of Fort Wayne and Steve Harmon of Rochester, N.Y.; and a sister, Tonya Dickerson of South Bend.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. Indiana time at Grace Brethren Church in Wooster, with calling after 9 a.m. Pastor Bob Mitchell will officiate. Burial will be in Kessler Cemetery, Rockford, Ohio.

Additional calling is Monday from 4-7 p.m. (Indiana times) in Roberts Funeral Home, Sherwood Chapel, 7067 Cleveland Road, Wooster.

Memorials are to Grace Brethren Church, Third Wave Ministry, 1924 Burbank Road, Wooster, OH 44691.

Lucille Lung

GARRETT — Lucille Lung, 84, died Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at 5:35 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Lung owned and operated the 205 Garden Market in Garrett for 45 years and was a homemaker. She was a member of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren in Garrett and the Gideons Auxiliary.

She was born Oct. 15, 1916, in Noble County to Floyd L. and Olive (Williams) Bradley.

She married Walter L. Lung on June 4, 1935, in Garrett. He died Feb. 10, 1999.

Surviving her are two sons, Jan Lung of Angola and Larry Lung of New Palestine; one daughter, Marcia Laundre of South Haven, Miss.; one brother, Vern Bradley of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Three brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held today at 10 a.m. in the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, with the Rev. John McFarland officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling was Friday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to Gideons International or the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

Glenn Schlegel

MONROEVILLE — Glenn W. Schlegel, 91, of Monroeville, died Friday, June 29, 2001, at Village of Heritage.

Mr. Schlegel was a native of New Haven and a former resident of Fort Wayne. He retired in 1973 from Rea Magnet Wire as a wire inspector-lab technician after 33 years of service.

He was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church and American Legion Post 330, both in New Haven, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10205. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

His wife, Doretta M., preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son, Larry E. of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Sharon Hollenbeck of Auburn and Karon Blair of Fort Wayne; a brother, Ervin of New Haven; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Emanuel Lutheran Church, 800 Green St., New Haven, with calling one hour before services.

Additional calling is Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana 930 E., New Haven, with an American Legion service at 7:30 p.m.

Burial will be in Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery, New Haven, with military graveside services.

Memorials are to the church, Village of Heritage or Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice.

Clara Boleyn

HELMER — Clara B. "Todd" Boleyn, 78, died Saturday, June 30, 2001, at 4:20 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Boleyn was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Mrs. Boleyn

She was born in Kendallville on Oct. 22, 1922, to Oscar and Clara (Kline) Miller.

She married Samuel F. Boleyn on June 10, 1965, in Lisbon. He died Aug. 1, 1990.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Sam and Sandy Weimer of Corunna and Thomas and SunYe Weimer of Renneyville, Ky; two daughters and sons-in-law, Susie and Cody Schneider of Kendallville and Jeanette and Fred Smart of Helmer; a granddaughter she raised from infancy, Patty Collins, at home in Helmer; an adopted daughter, Mildred Bentley of Wolcottville; 19 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Berdina Smart, and two brothers, Everett Kline and Don Miller.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Independent Full Gospel Church at Ashley. Burial will be in the Brushy Prairie Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Calling is Monday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the building fund of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

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Wilburn Biglow

AVILLA — Wilburn O. Biglow, 85, died at 9:08 p.m. Saturday, June 30, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Biglow

The former resident of Wilmot was a retired yard man for Penn Central Railroad and a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II. He enjoyed baseball, fishing and hunting.

He was born Oct, 13, 1915, in Flemingsburg, Ky., to William and Emma Biglow.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Charlotte and Clarence McCormick of Avilla and Carolyn Wietfeldt of Larwill; two sons, Randy Biglow of North Webster and William Biglow of Avilla; a sister, Tansy Bishop of Fowlertown; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A sister, Edna Hepner, and two brothers, Clifton and Raymond Biglow, preceded him in death.

Services are 2 p.m. Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Kurt B. Church officiating. Burial with military graveside rites will be at Salem Cemetery, Wilmot.

Calling is 3-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Dorothy Emerson

WOLF LAKE — Dorothy Mae Emerson, 83, died at 10:45 p.m. Saturday, June 30, 2001, at Rolling Meadows Nursing Home, Lafontaine.

She was a legal secretary at Dana Corp. in Auburn. She lived at Wolf Lake for 20 years, moving there from Auburn. She was a member of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church.

She was born Jan. 13, 1918, in Bryan, Ohio, to Daniel and Louise (Fetzer) Oarde. On June 6, 1941 in Holgate, Ohio, she married Wendell D. Emerson, who preceded her in death Sept. 4, 1999.

Surviving are two sons, Wendell Lee Emerson of Rensselaer and the Rev. Philip R. Emerson of Lafayette; a daughter, Kaye Sorrell of Lafontaine; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Wolf Lake United Methodist Church with the Rev. Wray McCalester officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery, Morenci, Mich.

Calling is 5-9 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, 209 E. Main St., Albion, and 9-10 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Marion Miller

ST. JOE — Marion M. Miller, 73, died Saturday, June 30, 2001, at 2:50 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Miller was a pastry baker for several Fort Wayne restaurants.

She was born Dec. 9, 1927, in Harlan to Amos and Sarah (Witmer) Miller.

Surviving are her husband, Alva; two daughters, Annette R. Chandler of Ossian and Shawn M. Miller of St. Joe; three sons, Kerry L. and Ken A., both of Angola; and Randall L. of Grabill; a sister, Esther Hullinger of Grabill; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Sara Reasoner, in 1996; and three brothers, Louie, Ray and LaVern Miller.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in North Leo Mennonite Church, with calling after 10 a.m. Pastor Doug Zehr will officiate. Burial will be Yaggy Cemetery, Grabill.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan.

Memorials are to the church.

Rhea Stanley

WATERLOO — Rhea R. Stanley, 93, died Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at 12:28 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Stanley worked as a private secretary for D.W. McMillen, president of McMillen Co. in Fort Wayne, for four years. She was a deputy in the DeKalb County recorder's office for 48 years and an abstractor for the DeKalb Abstract and Title Co. in Auburn for 27 years. She retired in 1978.

She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, Waterloo Order of the Eastern Star, White Shrine of Fort Wayne, Miriam White Shrine Patrol, and the American Legion Auxiliary and drum corps.

She was born July 27, 1907, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Hiram L. and Emma W. (Rahe) Dunkle.

She married Albert Gould Stanley on Oct. 2, 1928. He died April 16, 1983.

Surviving her are a daughter-in-law, Phyllis Stanley of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Her son, Dr. Robert G. Stanley, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after noon. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church.

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Phyllis Frank

AUBURN — Phyllis H. Frank, 94, died Sunday, July 1, 2001, at 7:50 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Frank was a secretary with the Farmers Home Administration and Frank Plumbing and Heating. She was a school teacher at Ryles School.

She was a member of Maple Grove United Methodist Church. She graduated from Auburn High School and attended Manchester College.

She was born May 3, 1907, in DeKalb County to Archie and Edna (Becker) Hewitt.

She married Robert V. Frank, who died Dec. 7, 1989.

Surviving her are her executor, Larry Spade of Corunna; a niece, Sandra Spade of Corunna; a nephew and his wife, Paul and Janet West of Auburn; and several other nieces and nephews.

One sister, Gladys West, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 10 am. Pastor Doug Barber of Maple Grove United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to Maple Grove United Methodist Church.

Lois Billings

CLEAR LAKE — Lois M. Billings, 84, of Clear Lake, died Saturday, June 30, 2001, at Provincial House in Adrian, Mich.

Mrs. Billings was a homemaker and a member of Clear Lake Baptist Church and the Women's Fellowship of the church. She enjoyed baking, gardening and socializing. She was very dedicated to her family, grandchildren and friends. She was a state champion in music in high school.

She was born Dec. 2, 1916, in Red Oak, Iowa, to Frank and Bertha (Straight) Schwab.

Surviving are a son and a daughter-in-law, Dr. Larry and Karen Billings of Bloomingdale, Ill.; a daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and David Gardiner of Hudson, Mich.; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and a sister, Doris Akers of East Alton, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Charles A. Billings, on April 26, 1973, and a sister, Marjorie Agoo.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Warner Reed officiating. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of Lenawee, Adrian, Mich.

Area Deaths

KIMMELL — **Kathleen M. Crouse**, 76, died Sunday at Kingston of Ligonier. Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ligonier. Calling is 2-6 p.m. Wednesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with rosary services there at 6 p.m.

CHURUBUSCO — **Donald O. Zeigler**, 70, died Saturday at home on the family farm in Smith Township, rural Churubusco. Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and 9-10 a.m. Tuesday.

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Chelsea Green

ANGOLA — Chelsea Meagan Green, 10, of Angola, died Sunday, July 1, 2001, in Williams County, Ohio.

She had just completed fourth grade at Pleasant Lake Elementary School and was a member of the Tri-State Church of Christ, the Angola Kids Softball League for five years and the Tri-State Soccer League for five years.

She was born Jan. 15, 1991, in Angola, to James and Dawn (Evans) Green of Angola. Her parents survive.

Also surviving are two sisters, Jessica and Elizabeth, at home; her grandparents, William and Roberta Evans of Kentwood, Mich., and Marvin and Shirley Green of Edison, Tenn.; her great-grandparents, Mildred Evans of Bradenton, Fla., Linda Hall of Dry Creek, Ky., and Parrot Green of Somerset, Ky.; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Wanda Petre

ANGOLA — Wanda Lynn Petre, 36, of Angola, died Sunday, July 1, 2001, in a car-train collision in Williams County, Ohio.

Mrs. Petre was a homemaker and a member of the Tri-State Church of Christ. She ran the church's youth group, worked as a counselor at the church camp and taught Sunday School.

She was born June 22, 1965, in Garrett, to John and Virginia (Rottger) Garrison. They survive in Angola.

She married Terry Petre on July 12, 1986. He survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Kyla Petre, at home; three brothers, David Garrison, of Fremont; Troy Garrison and Travis Garrison, both of Angola; and one sister, Mary Beattie of Angola.

Two daughters, Amber Petre, 14, and Chelsey Petre, 10, also died in Sunday's car-train collision.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Minister Stanley Day will officiate. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the family.

Amber Petre

ANGOLA — Amber Marie Petre, 14, died Sunday, July 1, 2001, in a car-train collision in Williams County, Ohio.

She had been a student at Angola Middle School and would have been a freshman at Angola High School in the fall. She was a member of the Tri-State Church of Christ. She was on the First Federal softball team of the Angola Kids Softball League.

She was born April 16, 1987, in Angola, to Terry and Wanda Petre. Her father survives.

Her mother, Wanda, and one sister, Chelsey, also died in Sunday's car-train collision.

Also surviving are one sister, Kyla Petre, of Angola; and her grandparents, John and Virginia Garrison of Angola.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Minister Stanley Day will officiate. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Kathryn Alleshouse

ANGOLA — Kathryn Alleshouse, 77, of Angola, died Sunday, July 1, 2001, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center in Angola.

Mrs. Alleshouse had been an assembly worker at Universal Tool in Butler and also worked at Hamilton Products in Hamilton. She was a member of the Hoosier Hills Home Economics Club and Twin Mothers Club.

She was born Feb. 10, 1924, in Hamilton to Christopher and Hannah (Beebe) Petre.

On Aug. 15, 1943, she married Woodford Alleshouse. He died June 14, 2000.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Basil Petre, two sisters, Rose Grady and Nellie Winebrenner, and two grandchildren.

Surviving are three sons, Blaine of Butler, Steven of Hamilton, and Otto of Ashley; three daughters, Irene Short of Cheyenne, Wyo., Sharon Moore of Pleasant Lake and Karon Doty of Angola; a brother, Burton Christopher Petre of Hamilton; four sisters, Patricia Coffey and Donna King, both of Angola, Jane Hopkins of Edon, Ohio, and Bonnie Pinkham; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Darold Beck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Habitat for Humanity or Cameron Hospice.

Velma Farmer

BUTLER — Velma L. Farmer, 82, died Monday, July 2, 2001, at 9 a.m. in Fairlawn Nursing Home in Archbold, Ohio.

Mrs. Farmer was a bookkeeper for Casebere Motors in Edgerton, Ohio, for 7 1/2 years, retiring in 1974. She lived in Butler and Silver Springs, Fla.

She was a member of Forest Lutheran Church in Silver Springs, and a former member of the Franklin Township Home Demonstration Club.

She was born Oct. 9, 1918, in Garrett to Carl and Rose Marie (Boldt) Diederich.

She married Carl Farmer on Sept. 11, 1938, in Garrett, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son, the Rev. Carl William Farmer of Kokomo; one daughter and son-in-law, Rosalie and Leslie Rosebrock of Mark Center, Ohio; one sister, Irma Rockwell of Bristol, Va.; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Delmer Diederich; one sister, Lavila Shook; and one grandson.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Robert D. Eble of St. John's Lutheran Church in Sherwood, Ohio, will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Chelsey Petre

ANGOLA — Chelsey Myria Petre, 9, died Sunday, July 1, 2001, in a car-train collision in Williams County, Ohio.

She was a student at Carlin Park School, where she would have been in the fourth grade this fall. She was a member of Tri-State Church of Christ in Angola and the church youth group.

She was born Jan. 5, 1992, in Angola to Terry and Wanda (Garrison) Petre. Her father survives.

Her mother, Wanda, and one sister, Chelsey, also died in Sunday's car-train collision.

Also surviving are one sister, Kyla Petre, of Angola; and her grandparents, John and Virginia Garrison of Angola.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Minister Stanley Day will officiate. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Edna Frick

AUBURN — Edna M. Frick, 90, died at 12:25 a.m. Monday, July 2, 2001, at Wesley Manor Health Care Center.

She had worked as a cook at Miller's Restaurant, Kendallville, and at The Country Club, Coldwater, Mich.

She was born Aug. 21, 1910, in Dayton, Ohio, to Ralph and Estalla (Heeter) Ulrey. In 1959 she married Melvin Frick, who preceded her in death in 1976.

A son, Floyd Sproat Jr., and a sister, Barbara Hipshire, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Neil and April Anthony of Ashley; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and John Shepherd of Wawaka; a half-brother, Paul Ulrey of Fort Wayne; 20 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Waterloo Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Julianna Halmagyi**, 73, died Monday at her home south of Kendallville. Services are 4 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, Ohio — **Lucy Ann Carder**, 71, died Sunday. Services are 9 a.m. Indiana time Friday at Clifford-Shoemaker Funeral Home, Cuyahoga Falls, with calling there 5-7 p.m. Indiana time Thursday.

MILFORD — **William D. Hapner**, 89, died Sunday at Lakeland Rehabilitation Center, Milford. No services. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Homes Harris Chapel, Syracuse.

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Charles C. Smith

Fort Wayne — 1913-2001

Charles C. Smith, 88, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Woodburn, died Monday, July 2, 2001, at Golden Years Homestead.

The Garrett native retired in 1978 from LaSalle & Koch, a division of R.H. Macy in Toledo, Ohio, after 40 years of service. He was a member of Woodburn United Methodist Church, a past member of United Methodist Men and Lasco Club and a World War II Army Medic veteran. Surviving are his wife, Katherine; a son, David of Woodburn; a daughter, Carolyn Dauterman of Upper Sandusky, Ohio; a brother, George W. of Toledo, Ohio; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Services are 11 a.m. (Indiana time) Saturday at Woodburn United Methodist Church, Woodburn, with calling one hour before services. Calling is also after 2 p.m. (Ohio time) Friday at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio. Burial with military graveside services by Upper Sandusky American Legion and VFW will be at Oak Hill Cemetery, Upper Sandusky, Ohio. Memorials are to Woodburn Christian Children's Home or the church.

Information provided by Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio, 1-419-542-8065.

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Bonita Richmond

ANGOLA — Bonita Sue Richmond, 68, died Monday, July 2, 2001, at her Angola home.

Mrs. Richmond worked at Modern-Aire in Angola for 13 years. She was a manager and cook at American Legion Post 31 and was owner of the Ashley Pizza Parlor. She was a member of the Angola American Legion Post 31 Auxiliary.

She was born Feb. 18, 1933, in Pleasant Lake to Glenn and Daisy (Landers) DeLong.

She married Norris Richmond on Nov. 27, 1968, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Ted Hinkley of Angola and Jeff Hinkley of Ashley; four daughters, Beverly McPherson of Pleasant Lake, Barbara Wolf and Bobbi Timpe, both of Angola, and Diane Delle of Colon, Mich.; two stepsons, Dennis Richmond of Butler and William Richmond of Hamilton; one stepdaughter, Teresa Stomm of Angola; one brother, Warren "Bud" DeLong of Angola; 11 grandchildren, 10 stepgrandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Mark Hinkley; seven brothers, William, Willard, Wayne, Willis, Wendell and Wilson DeLong and Jack Harding; and four sisters, Beullah Krock, Deloris Spencer, Berdina Baker and Louella King.

Services were held today at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. Burial was in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society and Heartland Hospice of Fort Wayne.

Esther Bell

KENDALLVILLE — Esther Lucinda Bell, 74, died at 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2001, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center, after a one-month illness. She had lived there for three years.

The lifetime resident of the Kendallville area was a 1946 graduate of Kendallville High School. Years ago she worked at Star Dry Cleaners, Kendallville.

She was born April 18, 1927, in Kendallville to Mathella Maston, later Mathella (Maston) Miller, who reared her with Mrs. Bell's stepfather, Russell Miller. On June 2, 1946, in Kendallville, she married Paul Bell, who preceded her in death in March 1974.

Surviving are two sons, Rickie Bell of Angola and David Bell of Cleveland, Ohio; two daughters and a son-in-law, Rose and Larry Gillespie and Diane Pastor, all of Kendallville; three sisters, Goldie Dunkel of Kendallville, Doris Heileman of South Milford and Nancy Musser of Indianapolis; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

There are no services or calling.

Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Floyd Shaver

BUTLER — Floyd A. Shaver, 94, died Tuesday, July 3, 2001, in Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Center in Kendallville.

He was a farmer and yard man for the Butler Lumber Co. in Butler for 35 years before his retirement.

Mr. Shaver was born Nov. 20, 1906, in Bryan, Ohio, to Samuel and Florence (Starn) Shaver.

He married Marie P. Schobert on March 28, 1936, in Edon, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews, including Allen and Pat Osmun of St. Joe.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Calling is Saturday from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Hazel Janke

BUTLER — Hazel G. Janke, 100, of Butler, died at 4:45 a.m. today, July 5, 2001, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Janke had been a teacher for many years in one-room schools in DeKalb County, including Skunk Hill, Lyons, Jerusalem and Franklin.

She was born Feb. 18, 1901, in Butler to William H. and Adena M. (Rohrbaugh) Dohner.

She married Clifford C. Janke on June 1, 1926, in Butler. He died Aug. 5, 1971.

Surviving are a daughter, Gaynell R. Lake of St. Joe; three sisters, Dorothy Harvey of Auburn, Florence Janke of Butler and Inez Shultz of Butler; three grandchildren, Lynann Sonafrank of Columbia City, Judy Stout of LaGrange and Karen Trenary of Butler; eight great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.

A brother, Robert Dohner, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. Pastor James Wilson will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Janet Amstutz

HARLAN — Janet E. "Jane" Amstutz, 82, died Tuesday, July 3, 2001, at 11:30 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home, Butler.

Mrs. Amstutz co-owned Amstutz Real Estate and Insurance in Harlan for more than 40 years.

She was born June 24, 1919, in Allen County to George and Ruth (Lance) Moss.

Surviving are her husband, Vance; one son, Randy Amstutz of Hamilton; three granddaughters and two great-granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Karen, in 1962, and a brother.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan, with the Rev. Hugh Rohrer officiating. Burial will be in Harlan Memorial Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Harlan Youth Center or Epilepsy Foundation.

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Bradley Krontz

PLEASANT LAKE — Bradley J. Krontz, 12, died Sunday, July 1, 2001, at 4:30 p.m. in a car-train accident in Williams County, Ohio, near Montpelier.

Bradley Krontz

He would have entered seventh grade at Angola Middle School in the coming school year. He was a member of the Tri-State Church of Christ and its youth group. He was involved in go-kart racing.

He was born July 30, 1988, in Angola. His father and stepmother, Jeffrey A. and Mollie Krontz, survive in Pleasant Lake; his mother and stepfather, Mary K. (Garrison) and Bruce Beattie, survive in Angola.

Also surviving him are a brother, Matthew A. Krontz of Angola; a stepbrother, Charlie Beattie of Angola; and a stepsister, Jennette Hulbert of Angola; grandparents Lawrence and Diane Sherman of Fremont; and John and Virginia Garrison of Angola; stepgrandparents Marie Janacek of Fremont and Roger and Norma Beattie of Angola.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola. Stanley Day of Marshall, Mich., Jeff Stackhouse of Las Vegas, Nev., and Kenny Butz of Angola will officiate. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Ruth Mitchell

AUBURN — Ruth M. Mitchell, 86, died Wednesday, July 4, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Mitchell was a homemaker. She lived in Auburn and was a former member of the Auburn Home Demonstration Club. She was a member of the Garrett Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Daughters of Isabella, and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She was born Oct. 26, 1914, in DeKalb County to Louis J. and Mary Ann (Adams) Sobasky.

She married Charley M. Mitchell, who preceded her in death in 1984.

Surviving her are one son and daughter-in-law, Charley "Bud" and Marion Mitchell of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and John Bury; four grandchildren, Jeff Bury of Troy, Mich., Todd Bury of Auburn, Mark Mitchell of Butler and Michelle Mitchell of Auburn; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, Louise Bloom, Mary Cain, Digna McBride and Bernice Sobasky; and four brothers, Joseph, Louis, Richard and Mike Sobasky.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. A rosary service will begin at 7 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to masses.

Lloyd Bassett

AUBURN — Lloyd W. Bassett, 87, died Wednesday, July 4, 2001, at Wesley Health Care Center.

He retired in 1973 with 31 years of service as a machinist with Borg-Warner, now Auburn Gear. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

Mr. Bassett

Mr. Bassett was born Dec. 18, 1913, in DeKalb County to John E. and Charlotte E. (Callandar) Bassett.

He married June E. Warstler on Sept. 3, 1938, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Ronald D. Bassett of Lafayette; three daughters, Sandra Smith of Melbourne, Fla., Karen Newton of Newburgh and Connie Starkey of Auburn; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

One sister, five brothers and one granddaughter preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Council on Aging transportation fund at the Heimach Senior Center, or to the First United Methodist Church.

Kenneth Sheets

MESA, Ariz. — Kenneth Albert Sheets, 91, died Friday, June 29, 2001, at Valley Lutheran Hospital in Mesa, Ariz.

A former DeKalb County resident, he retired as a machine operator for Warner Gear Co. in Auburn in 1972 after 30 years of service. He was a member of Velda Rose United Methodist Church in Mesa and the Masonic Lodge in Auburn.

Mr. Sheets was born Nov. 15, 1909, in Garrett to Melvin and Bessie (Bobbett) Sheets.

He married Marietta Long on March 2, 1935, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Shelley Sheets of Littleton, Colo.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jill and Phil Robbins of Mesa, and Mary and Jim Engle of Waterloo; six grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Thomas Lee Sheets; one brother, Glenn Sheets; and two sisters, Vera Loffi and Mildred Heinzerling.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Brian Wilcox officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 in the funeral home. The Auburn Masonic Lodge will conduct a service tonight at 7 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

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Willard Foote

CHURUBUSCO — Willard A. "Bill" Foote, 58, died Tuesday, July 3, 2001, at Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago.

The Allen County native was formerly employed as a printer for the Post & Mail in Columbia City and Kruse International in Auburn. He retired in 1980 as a printer for Peter Eckrich Co., Fort Wayne.

Mr. Foote

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn Foote; four sons, Preston Foote of Albion and Troy Landon and Jared Foote, all of Churubusco; his mother, Mildred Foote of Columbia City; two sisters, Sandra Short of Fort Wayne and Darlene Jackson of Columbia City; and five grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Merriam Christian Chapel. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling is 3-9 p.m. Sunday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and 9-10 a.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the Merriam Christian Chapel library.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **James Wesley "Jim" Jones**, 71, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 1 p.m. Indiana time Saturday at Christian Memorial Cultural Center, Rochester Hills, Mich. Calling is 1-3 and 5-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Clara E. Gougeon

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Clara E. Gougeon, 88, died Thursday, July 5, 2001.

She was a former resident of Auburn.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Lou and Thomas Knurek of Auburn, and Elizabeth and Donald Weise of Ann Arbor, Mich.; one sister, Margaret Kiel; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Gougeon.

Services will take place Saturday at 9 a.m. (Indiana time) at Weise Funeral Home, 7210 Park Ave., Allen Park, Mich.

Calling is Friday from 5-8 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Interment will be in Our Lady of Hope Cemetery in Brownstown, Mich.

Memorials are to the Eckhart Public Library in Auburn.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Judson W. Taylor**, 85, died Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne. Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

CHURUBUSCO — **Charlotte Jean Creech**, 68, died Thursday at home. Graveside services are 10 a.m. Monday at Riverview Cemetery, Churubusco. Calling is 3-7 p.m. Sunday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco.

AVILLA — **Peggy Haviland**, 73, died Thursday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne. Services are 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with calling there 5-8 p.m. Saturday.

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Ella Stuller

BUTLER — Ella D. Stuller, 68, of Butler, died Friday, July 6, 2001, at 11:50 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Stuller worked as a bartender for the Butler Eagles lodge for 30 years. She was a member of the Butler Eagles and the Butler post of the American Legion.

She was born Feb. 25, 1933, in Onsted, Mich., to Howard and Mary (Schyler) Mangus.

Two husbands, Gilbert Dickson Nash and Ralph Stuller, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Janine and Ron Ladd of Butler; two brothers, Kenneth Mangus of Addison, Mich., and Robert Mangus of Butler; two grandchildren, Mathew G. Ladd and Cassandra R. Ladd; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Eagles Cancer Care Fund of the Butler Eagles lodge.

Area Deaths

ORLANDO, Fla. — **Robert Fielden**, 80, formerly of the Churubusco area, died Friday in Orlando, Fla. Graveside services at 2 p.m. Monday at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco. No calling.

KENDALLVILLE — **Bueford "Dave" Childers**, 64, of Kendallville, died Thursday. Services at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Calling from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the services.

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Rozella Marsh

AVILLA — Rozella M. Marsh, 98, died Sat., July 7, 2001, at 3:25 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Marsh was a telephone operator for Indiana Bell. She retired in 1961. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and the Church of God in Kendallville.

Mrs. Marsh was born on April 7, 1903, in Kendallville to Fred and Elizabeth (Neuschwander) Marti.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Sharon Marsh of Muncie; two grandsons, Philip Marsh, of Tucson, Ariz. and Howard Herendeen of Fairlawn, Ohio; five granddaughters, Melissa Rothecker, of Dover, Ark., Jennifer Marsh of Muncie, Sandra Barnes of Fort Wayne, Susan Case of Fishers, and Kelly Lindsay of Muncie; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, one sister and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Jim Kind will officiate. Visitation will be on Mon., July 9, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Church of God in Kendallville.

Carlton Paulus

LAOTTO — Carlton "Gene" Paulus, 73, died Wed., July 4, 2001, at home.

Mr. Paulus was a tool and pattern maker and an experimental machinist for Foley Pattern in Auburn. He retired in 1990. He was also a World War II Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Betty I. Paulus; two sons, Steven M. Paulus of Lisle, Ill., and Gene D. Paulus, of Denton, Texas; two daughters, Deborah K. Godsell of Fort Wayne and Susan E. Gleeson of Lewistown, Montana; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Private family services were held.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice.

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Joseph Mynhier

ELKHART — Joseph Harold Mynhier, 81, formerly of Kimmell, died Friday, July 6, 2001, at 10:35 p.m. in Elkhart General Hospital.

He was a retired mail carrier. He was a member of Kimmell United Methodist Church of Ligonier and the American Legion Post No. 234. He was a veteran of the Army Air Force, serving from 1940 until 1945. He graduated from Ligonier High School.

He was born on June 29, 1920, in Henry County, Ind., to Joseph and Eve (Hunt) Mynhier. They preceded him in death.

He married Alice V. (Bair) Mynhier on Aug.t 4, 1944, in Leesburg. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Terrance LaNouette of Elkhart; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael D. and Margaret Mynhier of Marietta, Ga., and Joseph E. and Vivian Mynhier of Zionsville; two sisters, Mildred Rigel of Muncie and Pauline Horine of Indianapolis; two brothers, Robert Mynhier of Maryland and Roy Mynhier of Ligonier; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Violet freeman.

Services are at 2 p.m. Mon., July 9 at Kimmell United Methodist Church. Reverand Randy Miller will officiate.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier and one hour before services at the church.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Ruth Michael

BUTLER — Ruth Michael, 93, died Sat., July 7, 2001, at 3:15 a.m. at Laurels of DeKalb.

Mrs. Michael was a homemaker and a member of Butler United Methodist Church. She was a 50-year member of Forest Chapter No. 44 OES.

She was born on Feb. 13, 1908, in Fort Wayne, to Charles and Ethel (Barrus) Stauffer.

She married Roy K. Michael on Dec. 24, 1926. He died March 31, 1996.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Polly Michael of Fort Wayne; two daughters and one son-in-law, Doris and Jerry Hamman of Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. and Nila Muzzillo, of Auburn; one sister, Mary Harper, of Jacksonville, Fla.; 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Charles E. Stauffer, one sister Gladys Yeager and one son-in-law, Lee Muzzillo.

Services will be Tuesday, July 10, at 11:00 a.m. at H.E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home. Pastor Dennis Leinbach will officiate.

Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Mon., July 9, at H.E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Butler United Methodist Church.

Beverly Reynolds

SAN DIEGO — Beverly W. Reynolds, 70, died Sat., July 7, 2001.

She retired from Shell Petroleum Company in Deer Park, Texas, in 1995, where she worked as a dispatcher. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, who formerly managed the Uniform Printing and Supply Co. of Kendallville.

Surviving are two sons, Steve Reynolds, of Houston, Texas, and Greg Reynolds, of Chula Vista, Calif.; a sister, Eleanor, of Kendallville; and two nieces, Debbie Anspaugh of Mesa, Ariz. and Susan Conley, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Services will be held Mon., July 9, at Midway Baptist Church, 2460, Palm Avenue, San Diego.

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Jean Konkle

HAMILTON — Jean B. (Sheets) Konkle, 78, died Sunday, July 8, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Konkle was retired from Rogers Markets. She was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church; Order of the Eastern Star, Fort Wayne Chapter; Steuben County Extension Homemakers and the United Methodist Women.

She was born May 22, 1923, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas E. Konkle of Vincennes and Michael E. Konkle of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren.

Her husband, Wilmer P. Konkle, preceded her in death in 1984.

She also was preceded in death by a son, William E. Konkle, in 1980; a brother, Thomas Sheets, in 1998; and a sister, Joan Werling, in 1982.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, and Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

Charles Baker

JAMESTOWN — Charles Fredrick Baker, 82, died Friday, July 6, 2001, at his home in Jamestown.

Mr. Baker worked as a dairy farmer. He was a 62-year member of the Knights of Pythias, joining in December 1938, and served as grand chancellor of Indiana from 1964 to 1965. He enjoyed Tuesday morning fishing with DeWayne Schaeffer.

He was born Oct. 3, 1918, in Fremont to Burl and Zada (Tasker) Baker.

He married Roberta Baker of Fremont on April 2, 1938. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Rosalie Baker of Fremont and Doris and Richie Ringler of Fremont; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Gretchin Baker of Fremont and Roger and Gwen Baker of Fremont; 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchilren and three great-great-grandchildren; and one half-sister and her husband, Jane and Joe Mungovan of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a grandson and a half-sister.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Arnold Fair officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery.

Calling is today from 4 to 8:30 p.m. at the funeral home. A Knights of Pythias service will begin at 7:30 tonight in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the diabetes and heart funds.

Nelson Roscoe

KENDALLVILLE — Nelson Hyre Roscoe, 87, died at 6:15 p.m. Saturday, July 7, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

The lifetime Albion area resident was a retired Noble County farmer and a truck owner-operator for Reith-Reily. He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion, and Albion Lodge 97 of the F&AM.

He was born Dec. 2, 1913, in York Township, Noble County, to Nelson J.C. and Hazel L. (Hyre) Roscoe. On June 9, 1935, in Goshen, he married Margaret A. "Sally" Huntsman, who preceded him in death Nov. 15, 1993.

A brother, John C. Roscoe, and a sister, Zoevelda Frymier-Willits, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Roselyn and Myron Johnson and Becky Clewell, all of Albion; two stepbrothers, Jim and Wayne Applegate, both of Albion; four grandchildren, Kelly Miller of Garrett, Amy Parker of Fort Wayne, Carrie Clewell of Tampa, Fla., and Ted Clewell of Lehigh Acres, Fla.; five great-grandchildren; and a special friend, Marie Schwartz of Kendallville.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion, with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial will be at Merriam Chapel Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, 209 E. Main St., Albion, and 9-10 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

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Frederick 'Rick' Fleming

FORT WAYNE — Frederick "Rick" Dean Fleming, 55, died Sunday, July 8, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fleming lived in Fort Wayne and served as senior vice president of National City Bank's Small Business Banking Group. He was a former vice president of the First National Bank of Huntington. He was a member of the board of the Fort Wayne Development Corp. and a former president of the Huntington Optimist Club.

He graduated from Auburn High School in 1963 and was a Vietnam veteran.

He was born Oct. 25, 1945, in New Castle to Frederick E. and Betty Lou (Dhonau) Fleming. His father survives in Lake Orion, Mich.

He married Connie Fugate on March 5, 1966, in Fort Wayne. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a son, Andrew Fleming of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Lea Anne Fleming of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Cory Fleming; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dennis and Patricia Fleming of Auburn and Michael and Sandra Fleming of Springboro, Ohio; and his father-in-law, Campbell Fugate of Fort Wayne.

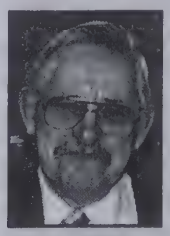
Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Chapel, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Wednesday from 1-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission or Veterans National Memorial Service in Fort Wayne.

Leo Carper

SPENCERVILLE — Leo R. Carper, 66, died Monday, July 9, 2001, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.



Mr. Carper

Mr. Carper was a lifetime DeKalb County resident and a member of the Spencerville United Methodist Church.

He worked as a machinist at Zollner Piston in Fort Wayne before retiring after 40 years of service. He moved to New Port Richey, Fla., in 1997.

He was born in Auburn on July 21, 1934, to George W. and Mary E. (Beaty) Carper.

He married Mary Anne Fogle on Nov. 21, 1952, in Auburn and she survives in New Port Richey.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, George and Cindy Carper of Auburn, Leo Jr. and Chris Carper of Grabill, David and Jama Carper of Hamilton, and Philip and Renee Carper of Fort Wayne; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Cora and Doug Fisher of Huntertown, Linda Webb of Auburn and Beth Ann and Mike Jettinghoff of Fort Wayne; one brother, Donald Carper of Sandusky, Mich.; three sisters, Mary Jane Handshoe of Wawaka, Shirley Vogts of Fort Wayne and Bonnie Hopkins of St. Joe; 13 grandchildren and six great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Carper was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Dorothy Harker and Gladys Warstler; six brothers, Jim Webb, Forrest Carper, Floyd Carper, George Carper Jr., Merle Carper and Lawrence Carper; and one grandson, Joshua Carper.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Spencerville United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn, with the Rev. Mark Hambrock officiating.

Calling is Wednesday from noon-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to the Spencerville United Methodist Church.

Robert White

AUBURN — Robert D. White, 79, died Monday, July 9, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. White owned and operated White's Westwood Super Valu grocery in Auburn for 30 years, retiring in 1981.

Mr. White

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II. He was a life member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn, serving as commander of the post in 1949 and as 4th District commander in 1960-1961.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, the Auburn Moose, Auburn Elks, Greenhurst Country Club and the Columbia Club in Indianapolis. He was a community supporter of the DeKalb County 4-H auction, the IU Hoosier 100 club and sponsored many Mickey Mantle baseball teams.

He was born in Auburn, the son of Deloss and Ada (Fales) White.

On Aug. 2, 1952, he married Virginia E. Cook in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are one nephew, Greg Frownfelter of Monroeville; and two nieces, Susan Bassett of Howe and Barbara Medders of Thomasville, Ga.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Doris Jean Frownfelter, and one nephew, Michael N. Frownfelter.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. William Kaster will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 3-9 p.m. at the funeral home, where an American Legion service will begin at 7 p.m. and an Elks service will be conducted at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County 4-H Fair auction or to the Auburn Little League program.

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Jean Jordan

AUBURN — Jean Jordan, 68, died Monday, July 9, 2001, at her residence in Auburn.

Mrs. Jordan was a clerical worker, retiring in 1998. She was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren and a past member of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

She was born July 18, 1932, in South Bend to Harold T. and Alvertia M. (Yeoman) Redman.

On Aug. 21, 1964, she married Franklin D. Jordan. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law: Richard and Sherry Jordan of Waterloo, Harold and Jane Jordan of Mamer, Luxembourg and Michael Jordan of Angola; three daughters and sons-in-law, Vickie and Timothy Day of Avilla, Michele and Seth Swartz of Waterloo and Carrie Jo and Ike Hidy of Avilla; one sister, Jeanette Caccamo of Fort Wayne; 20 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

One brother preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Donald Shankster officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren.

Judy Ann VonHolten

GARRETT — Judy Ann VonHolten, 45, of Garrett died Sunday, July 8, 2001, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

She was the activities director at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett, where she had 15 years of service.

She was born July 10, 1955, in DeKalb County to John and Edythe A. (Hillegas) VonHolten. Her mother survives in Albion, Mich.

Also surviving are her friend and companion, Joe Kruger of Garrett; one brother, Jon Von Holten of San Manuel, Ariz.; and two sisters, Joan VonHolten of Albion, Mich., and Arnetta Avant, of Springfield, Mo.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Miller's Merry Manor Activity Department.

Frank Snepp

AUBURN — Frank R. Snepp, 86, of Auburn, died Sunday, July 8, 2001, in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mr. Snepp retired in 1975 after 38 years as a set-up operator at Warner Gear in Auburn. He was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

He was born in Auburn on April 14, 1915.

He married Dorothea E. Snepp on Oct. 19, 1938. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Harold "Red" Kessler of Auburn; one son and daughter-in-law, James and Anna Snepp of Fredricktown, Ohio; five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Josephine Farr and Margaret Riecke.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at McComb Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

John 'Bo' Cantwell II

BLOOMINGTON — John C. "Bo" Cantwell II, 16, of Bloomington, died Saturday, July 7, 2001, at Bloomington Hospital from injuries sustained in an automobile accident June 30.

He was a Bloomington North High School student who would have been a junior this year. He was a two-year member of the boys golf team at Bloomington North. He enjoyed baseball, snowboarding, hunting and fishing and was an avid Indianapolis Colts fan. He was a black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

He was born May 28, 1985 in Bloomington to John C. and P. Margarete (Purnell) Cantwell. They survive.

Also surviving are a paternal grandmother, Mary L. Cantwell of Rome City; a maternal grandmother, Nancy Anne Purnell of Homewood, Ill.; and a maternal great-grandmother, Mae Purnell of Kenora, Ontario, Canada.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Walter Purnell and Howard C. Cantwell.

A celebration of life service will be held Friday at 6 p.m. in Garton hall at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Bloomington.

Memorials are to the Bo Cantwell Memorial Fund for Hook a Kid on Golf, c/o Bloomington Parks and Recreation Foundation, P.O. Box 848, Bloomington, IN 47402.

Area Deaths

HUNTINGTON — **William D. Gatton**, 88, died Sunday at Norwood Nursing Home, Huntington. Mass of Christian Burial is 10 a.m. Wednesday at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 860 Cherry St., Huntington. Calling is 2-8 p.m. today at Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, with a rosary said there at 7 p.m.

KENDALLVILLE — **Joann Spillner**, 61, died Monday at home. No services. Calling is 1-3 p.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

LAGRANGE — **Jacob Wayne Mullett**, 15, died Sunday at home. Services are 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Perry Hochstetler home, 3575E C.R. 225N, LaGrange, with calling there after 4 p.m. today and all day Wednesday.

SYRACUSE — **Sophos G. Symond**, 87, died Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor, Syracuse. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling there 6-8 p.m. Friday.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2001

Dorothy Meek

HUDSON — Dorothy Emma Pfingstag Meek, 86, of Hudson, died Saturday, July 7, at 12:20 p.m. in Angola.

She formerly lived in Lorain, Ohio; Mount Lebanon, Pa.; Green Valley, Ariz.; and Pinnacle, N.C.

She was born Jan. 11, 1915, in Hudson as the sixth and youngest child of Richard J. and Emma Mosshammer Pfingstag.

Mrs. Meek

Mrs. Meek was a talented musician, active as a pianist, violinist and cornetist during her early years in the school systems of Hudson and Pleasant Lake, and continuing her performing throughout her life.

Following graduation from UCLA in 1936, she became supervisor of instrumental music in the Steuben County schools. In later years, she taught instrumental music in the public schools of Lorain and Sheffield Lake, Ohio.

In addition, she directed church choirs, handbell groups and women's vocal groups. She also provided piano accompaniment for numerous instrumental and vocal soloists.

In 1957, her family of six children was named Family of the Year for Lorain County, Ohio.

In 1945, she became a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Lorain, Ohio, and she served as Worthy Matron of the Mount Lebanon, Pa., chapter in 1976.

In 1950, she became a charter member of the Lorain, Ohio, Assembly of the Social Order of Beauceant. She served this organization on the national level, first as the Supreme Director of Music, then rising to the highest national office of Supreme Worthy President in 1966-67.

During her years in Green Valley, Ariz., Mrs. Meek was a member of the Green Valley Band, the Beaver Band of Tucson and the Chamber Music Society, and was a founding member of the Good Shepherd UCC Church.

She was a former member of the Grace Moravian Church of Mount Airy, N.C. She attended Fairview Missionary Church of Angola.

She married Charles Jackson Meek on June 15, 1939. He died June 22, 1996.

Surviving are four sons, Charles Richard Meek of Lubbock, Texas, David Paul Meek of Library, Pa.,

Jean Jordan

AUBURN — Jean Jordan, 68, died Monday, July 9, 2001, at her residence in Auburn.

Mrs. Jordan was a clerical worker, retiring in 1998. She was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren and a past member of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

She was born July 18, 1932, in South Bend to Harold T. and Alvertia M. (Yeoman) Redman.

On Aug. 21, 1964, she married Franklin D. Jordan. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law: Richard and Sherry Jordan of Waterloo, Harold and Jone Jordan of Mamer, Luxembourg and Michael Jordan of Angola; three daughters and sons-in-law, Vickie and Timothy Day of Avilla, Michele and Seth Swartz of Waterloo and Carrie Jo and Ike Hidy of Avilla; one sister, Jeanette Caccamo of Fort Wayne; 19 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

One brother and one granddaughter preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Donald Shankster officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren.

Opal Andrew

PLANT CITY, Fla. — Opal Laurene Andrew died after a long illness at her home in Plant City.

She was born near Flint in Jackson Township of Steuben County, as the only daughter of Ellis and Rose Warring Call. She graduated from Flint High School.

She was a member of Chancey Road Christian Church of Zephyrhills, Fla., where she had taught Sunday school and was a member of the choir.

She married Eldon Andrew on May 29, 1953, in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Wendell D. and Pamela Horn of Clarks Hill, Ind., and Larry E. and Sharon Andrew of Plant City, Fla.; one daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis H. and Edward Sonner of Bryan, Ohio; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Maynard, Shirley, Laurence and Kenneth Call.

Memorial services will be held Thursday at 5 p.m. (Indiana time) at Chancey Road Christian Church in Zephyrhills.

Memorials are to Life Path Hospice, 3010 W. Azeele St., Tampa FL 33609, or Chancey Road Christian Church, Zephyrhills, Fla. 33541.

Arrangements are by Oakley Funeral Home, Zephyrhills.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Vera Ellen Troyer**, 90, died Tuesday at home in rural LaGrange. Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

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THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2001

I. Marie Blevins

AUBURN — I. Marie Blevins, 90, died Tuesday, July 10, 2001, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Blevins worked at Auburn Rubber Co. for 7 1/2 years and also was employed as an Auburn schools custodian. She was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She was born April 4, 1911, in Churubusco to Charles and Bertha (Wyatt) McInturf.

She married William Blevins on March 5, 1925. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters, Virginia Nelson and Irene Goe, both of Auburn, and Karen Miner of Pleasant Lake; one son, Keith Blevins of Auburn; two sisters, Irene Peters and Marjorie Miller, both of Auburn; one brother, Robert McInturf of Fresno, Calif.; 16 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren, one brother and two sisters.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo, with Pastor Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the New Hope Christian Center.

Ethel Fry Leeson

CHURUBUSCO — Ethel M. Fry Leeson, of Churubusco, died Wednesday, July 21, 2001, at 4:21 p.m. in Whitley Memorial Hospital in Columbia City. She suffered a stroke on July 2 and had been a patient at the hospital since then.

Mrs. Leeson

Mrs. Leeson was employed at Magnavox in Fort Wayne for 35 years, retiring as a supervisor in 1975. She was a member of the Garrett Church of the Nazarene and later the Church of the Nazarene in Churubusco.

She was born May 16, 1915, in Allen County to Harvey H. and Elsie (Green) Graves, and spent her childhood in Eel River Township. In 1933 she married James W. Fry and lived in Lake Township in Allen County. He died Aug. 3, 1963.

In 1967, she moved to rural Garrett following her marriage to Donald Leeson, and lived there for 32 years until moving to Churubusco in 1999. Mr. Leeson died in 1997.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, James F. and Demaris Fry and Donald L. and Roxann Fry, all of Churubusco; one brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Rickie Graves of Fort Wayne; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Norma Jean and Ernest Gaines and Gladys and Herbert Giant, all of Fort Wayne, and Garnet Truman of Marion; six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Edith Van Fleet and Virginia Wilkins.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene. Its pastor, the Rev. Paul D. White, will officiate. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling is at the church Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the service begins.

Memorials are to the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene.

Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Helen Seltenright

BUTLER — Helen L. Seltenright, 85, died Tuesday, July 10, 2001, in the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home at Butler.

Mrs. Seltenright was a homemaker and a born-again Christian who was dedicated in her church work as a musician and Sunday school teacher for most of her adult life.

She was a member of the United Brethren Church in Butler for more than 30 years. In 1970, she and her husband went on a tour of the Holy Land.

At age 72, she became a Ham radio operator with a general class license and call letters of KB9AKV.

She was born June 13, 1916, in Edgerton, Ohio to George I. and Hannah L. (Loutzenheiser) Slater.

She married Harold A. Seltenright on Nov. 21, 1934, in Fort Wayne. They were married for 66 years until his death on Dec. 31, 2000.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, James L. and Alice F. Seltenright of Butler; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon E. and Sonny Spake of Auburn, Jeanne A. and Edward Buell of Butler and Phyllis E. and Jerry Crothers of Leo; 12 grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and eight stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Paul Teschke will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Laurels of DeKalb Alzheimer's Unit.

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Betty Kaufman

ANGOLA — Betty Jane Kaufman, 69, a lifelong Angola resident, died Wednesday, July 11, 2001, at her residence.

Mrs. Kaufman worked as a cook at the Angola Moose Lodge. She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and the Angola Women of the Moose.

She was born Jan. 9, 1932, in Angola to Herman S. and Sarah H. (Hornbrook) Osborne.

On Oct. 29, 1983, she married Eli Kaufman. He died May 16, 1987.

Surviving are two sons, Donald Smith of Bonita Springs, Fla., and Daniel Smith of Pleasant Lake; three daughters, Kathy Headley, Rebecca Tebbe and Carrie Johnson, all of Angola; three brothers, Robert and Samuel Osborne, both of Angola, and Charles Osborne of Santa Clara, Calif.; and 13 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Golden, and a brother, Donald Osborne.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in the Angola Church of the Nazarene. There will be no calling.

Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Carolyn Trubey

WATERLOO — Carolyn J. Trubey, 61, died Wednesday, July 11, 2001, at 7:33 a.m. in her Auburn home.

Mrs. Trubey was a bookkeeper for 25 years, retiring in 1998. She was a member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church and served as a Cub Scout leader in Waterloo.

She was born in Auburn on July 23, 1939, to Albert and Olive Beatrice (Wilson) Weicht.

She married Max Trubey on Nov. 7, 1958, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Patti Trubey of Garrett; one daughter, Debra Fike of Waterloo; one daughter-in-law, Tracy Trubey of Kendallville; two sisters, Doris Menges of LaGrange and Phyllis Kummer of Waterloo; one stepsister, DeLores Sweeny; two stepbrothers, Verl Johnson of Fort Wayne and Leonard Johnson of Waterloo; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

One brother and one son, Duane Trubey, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Douglas Barber officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Norris Chapel United Methodist Church and DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Gene L. Purcell**, 78, died Wednesday at home in rural LaGrange. Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Gwynneville Christian Church, Gwynneville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with an 8 p.m. Masonic service there.

SYRACUSE — **Jerry E. Lee**, 61, died Tuesday at Elkhart General Hospital. Graveside memorial services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Syracuse Cemetery. No calling.

Kristofer Gill

HAMILTON — Infant Kristofer Raine Gill of Hamilton was stillborn Wednesday, July 11, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was the son of Dusty Lynn Gill of Hamilton.

Also surviving are his grandparents, Kevin and Kim Gill of Hamilton, and Deb and Alan Adams of Houma, La.; and great-grandparents, Arden and Sadie Gill of Angola.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Strom Corbin Michael Stevens Walker, on Jan. 4, 1998.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Edon Union Cemetery, Edon, Ohio, with Pastor James Hulbert officiating.

Memorials are to the family. Arrangements are being made by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **George A. Lewis**, 59, died Tuesday at home in Kendallville. Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home Portland Chapel, with calling there 3-8 p.m. Saturday.

LAGRANGE — **Norris E. Slabaugh**, 85, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-5 p.m. Saturday.

LAGRANGE — **Laura A. Solien D.V.M.**, 42, died Wednesday in an auto accident at LaGrange C.R. 1000W and U.S. 20. Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, LaGrange. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

LIGONIER — **Phillip Lee Stout**, 76, died Wednesday at Goshen General Hospital. Services are 10:30 a.m. Monday at Richville United Methodist Church. Calling is 2-8 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Carol A. Tieman**, 58, died Wednesday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne. Funeral mass will be 9 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, 315 South Line St. Columbia City. Calling is 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Friday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City, and an hour before mass at the church. Rosary services are 4:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2001

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Violet Kessler

AUBURN — Violet Marie (Smith) Kessler, 76, of Auburn, died Thursday, July 12, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Mrs. Kessler was a housewife. She was born Jan. 14, 1925, in Auburn to Lloyd and Grace (Gulick) Smith.

Her husband, Willis Lee Kessler, died March 18, 1986.

Surviving are three sons, Eugene and his wife, Sally, of Auburn, Donald and his wife, Annie, of Auburn, and Lloyd and a companion, Lisa Kennedy, of Garrett; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Pete Halliger of Jacksonville, Fla., Judith Thompson and Gary Thompson of Auburn and five grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and a half-sister Florence Roberts of Quincy, Calif.

A half-sister, Ruby Smith Kressley LaBorde, preceded her in death as did one brother, Charles Smith.

Services will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. The Rev. John Scott will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Sunday from noon-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter or DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Jean P. Howlett,** 72, a resident of Churubusco, died Friday, July 13, 2001, at Asheboro Health and Rehab in Asheboro, N.C. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco. Calling will be at the mortuary from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday.

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SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2001

Pete Hilty

BLUFFTON — Pete A. Hilty, 27, died Thursday, July 12, at home.

The Adams County native was a carpenter and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Surviving are his parents, Amos E. and Margaret Hilty; five brothers, Christy A. Hilty of LaGrange, Jonas A., William A. and Ervin A. Hilty, all of Bluffton, and Joe A. Hilty of Hicksville, Ohio; and three sisters, Elizabeth Neuenschwander of Portland and Margaret Schwartz and Emma Shetler, both of Bluffton.

Services are 9 a.m. Monday at the family home. Burial will be at Schwartz Cemetery.

Calling is 9 a.m.-9 p.m. today at the family home.

Arrangements are by Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne.

Troas Greeno

FORT WAYNE — Troas B. Greeno, 78, died Wednesday, July 11, 2001 at Lutheran Hospital.

The Stroh native was a homemaker and enjoyed gardening, traveling and music.

Surviving are a son, Michael E. Greeno of Spencerville; two daughters, Connie J. Shurtz of Fort Wayne and Judie L. Liggett of Harlan; and two grandchildren.

Her husband, Max E. Greeno, preceded her in death.

Services are private. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is private.

Memorials are to Indiana University School of Medicine Cancer Research.

William Harvey

DECATUR — William D. Harvey, 73, died Friday, July 13, 2001, at Adams County Memorial Hospital.

The Adams County native was a farmer and a truck driver for Teeple Truck Lines. He was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps in World War II.

Surviving are his wife, L. Ruth Harvey; three sons, Dennis W. and Steven N. Harvey, both of Decatur, and Michael L. Harvey of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Joan L. Richardson of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Calvin C. Harvey of Auburn and Richard T. Harvey of Decatur; two sisters, Naomi Krueckeberg of Decatur and Betty L. Zurcher of Monroe; two half-sisters, Mabel Cook and Gladys Braden, both of Decatur; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Larry Harvey; two sisters, Helen and Roseanna Harvey; and two brothers, Robert E. and Bryce Harvey.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Burial with military rites will be at Decatur Cemetery.

Calling is 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. today at Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur.

Memorials are to the church or the Adams County Heart Club.

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Kenneth Wren

HUDSON — Kenneth L. Wren, 84, died at 2:28 a.m. Saturday, July 14, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

The 56-year resident of rural Hudson was an avid wood crafter, gunsmith and collector of primitive tools and Indiana artifacts.

He was born south of Helmer in DeKalb County July 21, 1916, to Ross and Norma (Leas) Wren. On June 3, 1939, in Angola he married Mabel V. Phillips, who preceded him in death June 2, 1998.

A brother, Clair Wren, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, James and Barbara Wren of Angola, Philip and Carrol Wren and Robin and Judy Wren, all of Fort Wayne, and Jody Wren of Shelby Township, Mich.; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Thomas E. Smith officiating. Burial will be at Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Gideons International.

Dorothy Keller

HOWE — Dorothy M. Keller, 88, died at 12:30 a.m. Saturday, July 14, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She worked in the cafeteria at Lakeland High School, LaGrange. She moved to LaGrange County from Sturgis, Mich., in 1946. She was a member of the Altar & Rosary Sodality and a former LaGrange County Disaster Chairwoman and Girl and Boy Scout leader. She was an avid golfer at Herron Creek and Cedar Lake country clubs.

She was born May 12, 1913, in Mendon, Mich., to Samuel and Elsie (Coombs) Doak. On Sept. 7, 1935, in Sturgis she married Joseph T. Keller, who survives in Howe.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Patsy and Ronald Swafford of Niceville, Fla., Sarah and David Weaver of LaGrange and Martha and Ross Eagleson of Fort Wayne; three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael J. and Pat Keller of Oxnard, Calif., Philip M. and Diane Keller of Destin, Fla., and Steven J. and Tamara Keller of Aptos, Calif.; three brothers, Donald Doak of Sarasota, Fla., Harold Doak of Waco, Texas and Marshall Doak of Burton, Mich.; 24 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

A sister, Marjorie Williams, and a granddaughter, Susan Lynn Keller, preceded her in death.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, LaGrange, with the Rev. Paul Faroh officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with a rosary said there at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the church or the Alzheimer's Association.

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Miles Collins Jr.

WATERLOO — Miles Collins Jr., 67, died Saturday, July 14, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Collins was a self-employed truck driver for 20 years. He was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church in Waterloo.

Mr. Collins

He was born Jan. 10, 1934, in Magoffin County, Ky., to John D. and Eria (Whittaker) Collins.

He married Thelma Crager on Aug. 17, 1956, in Sayersville, Ky., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Marty Collins of Kendallville and Douglas Collins of Waterloo, two daughters and one son-in-law, Tammy Collins of Charlotte, N.C., and Marlene and Dave Kinnison of Corunna; two brothers, Sam Collins and Bill Collins; three sisters, Martha Howard, Pauline Kilgore and Virginia Allen; one aunt, Sarah Hicks; three grandchildren, Brock Miles Collins, Cody Ray Collins and Chelsea Sue Collins; and two stepgrandchildren, Jonie Kinnison and Ashlyn Kinnison.

His parents and one daughter, Alma Collins, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ronald Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family or the Freewill Baptist Church.

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Michael Honaker

AUBURN — Michael Joseph Honaker, 52, died Friday, July 13, 2001, at 9:53 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a one-year illness.

He had lived in Auburn for 19 years, coming from Wolcottville. He was vice president of Sycamore Pallet Co., Corunna, and an avid fisherman.

He was born June 21, 1949, in Sturgis, Mich., to James Roy Honaker, who survives in Thompkinsville, Ky., and Betty Jo (Beck) Honaker, who survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons, Chad Honaker of Avilla and Zachary Honaker of Auburn; a daughter, Michelle Krock of Avilla; a companion of 19 years, Judy Betz, and her three children, Scott and Tyler Betz, both of Auburn, and Troy Betz of Waterloo; two brothers, James D. Honaker of Thompkinsville and Timothy Roy Honaker of Glenville, Ill.; two sisters, Janelle Ann Graber of Auburn and Julie Claire Honaker of Fort Wayne; his paternal grandmother, Anna Honaker of Wolcottville; his maternal grandfather, Joseph Beck of Auburn; and nine grandchildren;

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Hutchins Funeral Home, State Road 9, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Mike Tatman of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church officiating.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the ALS Foundation.

Nicole York

LEBANON, Ind. — Nicole York, 65, died Sunday, July 8, 2001, at Walnut Creek Care Facility.

She worked for 10 years as a food secretary for the Lebanon school system and for several years as a secretary for Dave Downey Inc. in Indianapolis. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, American Legion Auxiliary and Women's Bowling League.

She was born Oct. 5, 1935, in Alsace Lorraine, France.

Surviving are her mother, Josie O'Dell; five daughters, Denise McLaughlin, Dawn Robertson, Diana Woolery, and Debra Heck, all of Lebanon, and Darlene Trout of Zionsville; one stepson, Roy York of Petersburg, Va.; one stepdaughter, Cynthia Norris of Indianapolis; two brothers, Grover O'Dell of Auburn and Raoul O'Dell of Springfield, Ohio; one sister, Elizabeth Blotkamp of Auburn; 22 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dewey R. York; her father, James C. O'Dell; her son, Dustin M. York; and a brother, John O'Dell.

Services were held Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lebanon.

Memorials are to the church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Myers Mortuary of Lebanon is in charge of arrangements

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Charles Eck

BUTLER — Charles L. "Roy" Eck, 87, died Sunday, July 15, 2001, at 9 p.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Eck worked in highway maintenance for the Indiana State Highway Department for 22 years. He lived in Butler and was a charter member of the Butler Eagles Lodge.

He was a 20-year member of the Butler Fire Department and a former member of the Butler Police Department. He was former owner of Eck's Backhoe Service, Eck's Cigar Store and the Butler Coffee Cup.

He was born Aug. 4, 1913, in Butler to Fred and Melissa (Worthington) Eck.

He married Pauline Beard on Dec. 25, 1934, in Waterloo, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Jimmie D. and Glenda Eck of Butler; two daughters and one son-in-law, Helen and Gene Snook of Garrett, and Ruth Teegardin of Butler; one brother, Frank Eck of Hicksville, Ohio; two sisters, Helen Baughman of Butler and Mabel Peters of Auburn; two daughters-in-law, Mary Ann Eck of Butler and Joann Eck of Buffalo, N.Y.; a sister-in-law, Lavon Eck of Coldwater, Mich.; 23 grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren and seven step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Charles and Jerry; three brothers, Jim, Delbert and Russell; three sisters, Myrtle Bellman, Vada Swaim and Wava Nichols; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Dennis Leinbach officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

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Viron Knox

ANGOLA — Viron Knox, 87, of Angola, died Monday, July 16, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Knox was a credit manager at Albion Production Credit Association, Angola, for 22 years, retiring in 1979. Before his work at the association, he was a farmer. He was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and the Methodist Men.

He was born June 6, 1914, in Hartford City to Luther and Sara Lillia (Nelson) Knox.

On Dec. 31, 1938, he married Frances (Stratton) Knox, who survives in Angola.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Stephen and Sue Knox of Pensacola, Fla., Bruce and Barbara Knox Sr. of Fremont, and Gary and Eloise Knox of Fostoria, Ohio; a daughter, Colleen Waters of Angola; a sister, Violet Needler of Hartford City; a niece; a nephew; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Dr. Norman Glassburn officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Gideons International.

Cleota Taylor

ANGOLA — Cleota J. "Jan" Taylor, 74, of Angola, died Saturday, July 14, 2001, at Hospice Residence of Rose Arbor, Kalamazoo, Mich., after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Taylor, a homemaker, was a member of Angola United Methodist Church, the Angola Women of the Moose, American Legion Auxiliary Post 31, and the Women's Auxiliary of the Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars.

She was born Aug. 22, 1926, in Kendallville to Mark and Florence (Bell) Larkin.

Surviving are her husband, Paul E. Taylor of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Dinah and Thomas Grubb of Galesburg, Mich., and Sarah Jo "Jody" and Bob Vosburg of New Caney, Texas; five grandchildren, Gregg, Todd, Lisa, Amy and Robbie; nine great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Linda Lou and Jerry Getz of Summerville, S.C.; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Wyveta Val Larkin.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Dr. Norman Glassburn officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Memorials are to Rose Arbor Hospice Residence, Kalamazoo.

Francille Winans

AVILLA — Francille B. Winans, 89, died Monday, July 16, 2001, at 12:15 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mrs. Winans was a homemaker and formerly lived in Fort Wayne. She was a past president of the Fort Wayne Artists Guild. She was a member of the Ladies of the Elks and St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, both in Fort Wayne.

She was born March 27, 1912, in Decatur to Charles and Velma (Shrall) Rost.

She married Robert Winans on June 20, 1928, in Fort Wayne. He died Feb. 19, 1994.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, H. Charles and Ilene Winans of Ashley; five grandchildren, one stepgrandson, and 10 great-grandchildren.

One great-granddaughter preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, rural Waterloo, with calling after 9 a.m. Father David Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Sara Everidge

GARRETT — Sara A. Everidge, 7 weeks old, died Friday, July 13, 2001, at 1 p.m. in Riley Hospital for Children at Indianapolis.

She was born May 21, 2001, in Auburn to Phillip Everidge and Holly Livergood Hanes. Both parents survive in Garrett.

Also surviving are two brothers, Gage Everidge and Quinton Hanes, both of Garrett; a sister, Megan Hanes of Garrett; grandparents, Ron and Reva Livergood of Auburn, and John and Sara Weihmiller of Garrett; and a great-grandmother, Ruth Gunion of Auburn.

A grandfather, Cooley Everidge, preceded her in death.

Private services were held Monday in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, was in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Jewel D. Thomas**, 67, of Kendallville, died Saturday. Services Thursday at Alexander-Gold Funeral Home, Lafayette, Tenn. Calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Wilma L. Ritchie**, 36, of Wolcottville, died Monday. Services at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville. Calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

ALBION — **Max L. Aker**, 72, Zolfo Springs, Fla., formerly of Albion, died July 11. No local services or calling.

HOWE — **Billy E. Gardner**, 68, of Howe, died Sunday. Services at 10 a.m. Thursday at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe. Calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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Roger Close

BIRMINGHAM, Mich. — Roger G. Close, 82, died Sunday, July 15, 2001, at his home in Birmingham, Mich.

Mr. Close had lived in Birmingham since 1962 and was a former Auburn resident. He retired in 1979 as the warehouse manager of Mayfair Plastics in Birmingham.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He enjoyed singing with the Holy Name Church choir and loved woodcarving.

Surviving are his wife, Helen; a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas H. and Susan Close; a daughter and son-in-law, Paula J. and Chris Dow; three brothers, Robert, Leroy and George Close; a sister, Frances Armstrong; three grandchildren, Beth McIntyre, Carolyn Dow and Gregory Dow; and a great-granddaughter, Megan McIntyre.

Services will be held today at 6:30 p.m. (Indiana time) in Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road, Clawson, Mich., with calling after 2 p.m. (Indiana time).

Memorials are to Beaumont Hospice, 3601 W. 13 Mile, Royal Oak MI 48073-9952.

Hazel Norden

AUBURN — Hazel Marie Norden, 91, died Tuesday, July 17, 2001, at 10:42 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Norden was a homemaker and a former Ashley resident. She was a member of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley, and its Ladies Aid, and the Progressive Social Club and Fairfield Home Demonstration Club. She was formerly a 4-H leader for many years.

She was born May 28, 1910, in Churubusco to James William and Florence (Hanlon) Zolman.

She married Jay A. Sutherland on March 15, 1930, and he died Oct. 17, 1967.

She then married Alvin "Pete" Norden on Nov. 14, 1969, and he died Jan. 18, 1986.

Surviving her are two daughters and one son-in-law, Evanell and Lee Shenk of LaOtto, and Darlene Scranage of Auburn; three sisters, Mary Ellen Williamson of Waterloo, Betty Saccedo of Union City, Calif., and Luella Pepple of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Billy Reinoehl; two brothers, Wilber and James Zolman; and two sisters, Helen Knowlton and Priscilla Conley.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, with Pastor Jeff Fackler officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Max Helmer**, 77, died Monday at LaGrange Community Hospital. Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

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Herman Young

AVILLA — Herman Emanuel Young, 89, died at 5:55 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, where he had lived since Oct. 8, 1999.

The rural Avilla resident was a farmer until 1951, then worked for 26 years at Kraft Foods, Kendallville, and as an agent for Farmers Mutual and Minnesota Mutual Life insurance companies for 35 years. He was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, and a life member of Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301.

He was born March 13, 1912, in Jefferson Township, Noble County, to Orville J. and Lillie (Sams) Young. On Nov. 8, 1932, in Sturgis, Mich., he married Viola Mae Knafel, who survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Helen Young of Auburn and Rickie and Linda Young of Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Lindol and Robert Abel of Avilla; another daughter and her fiancee, Brenda Lou Young and Delbert Manns, both of Kendallville; 13 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Janice Miller, in 1998; three brothers; and two sisters.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial will be at Avilla Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, and 9-10 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

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Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Donald Taylor**, 73, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

LAGRANGE — **Lizzie Mullett**, 57, died Tuesday at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne. Services are 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Perry Hochstetler home, 3575E - 225N, LaGrange, with calling there after 5 p.m. today and all day Friday.

LAGRANGE — **Norma L. Krauss**, 74, died Wednesday at LaGrange Community Hospital. Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

TOPEKA — **Marilyn Knotts**, 65, died Tuesday at her home in Topeka Terrace Apartments. Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Myrta V. Targgart**, 101, died Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City. Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

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FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2001

Mary Grosscup

AUBURN — Mary Grosscup, 85, died Tuesday, July 17, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Garrett on Oct. 11, 1915, to William and Ollie (Ocker) Mack. She married Calvin H. Grosscup Sr. in Garrett on Nov. 10, 1932, and was married for 69 years.

Mrs. Grosscup was a cashier at City National Bank in Auburn, and retired in 1980. She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Surviving with her husband are one son, Calvin H. Grosscup Jr. in Ocean Springs, Miss.; one sister, Naomi Morr of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren, Sheridan Paz of Spanish Fort, Ala., Kaysia Brace of Ocean Springs, Miss., Laurie Willisson of Fairhope, Ala., and Chad Grosscup of Daphne, Ala.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Morris, James and Robert Shreves; and three sisters, Wilma Stevens, Katherine Goeglin and Marilla Tustison.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling is today from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials to the donors' choice.

Ruth Murphy

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Ruth J. Murphy, 72, of Hicksville, died in her home Wednesday, July 18, 2001, at 6:10 p.m. She had been in failing health for several months.

Mrs. Murphy was born March 1, 1929, in Waynesboro, Tenn., to Lannie and Lizzie (Kilburn) Griggs.

She graduated from Wayne High School with the Class of 1946 and was a member of the Hicksville First Church of Christ. She retired from Syncro Corp. in Hicksville in 1974 after many years of service.

She married Frank Fowler, who preceded her in death. On March 15, 1969, she married David Murphy in Hicksville.

Surviving with her husband are four daughters, Sue Feasby of Antwerp, Ohio, Kay Powells of Colorado Springs, Colo., Deb Stuckey and Melody Mumy, both of Hicksville; three sons, Charles Fowler of Hicksville, Cliff Murphy of Phoenix, Ariz., and Paul Murphy of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Marcus Griggs and Robert Griggs, both of Detroit, Mich., and David Griggs of Johnson City, Tenn.; two sisters, Wilma Hickerson of Waynesboro, Tenn., and Frankie Petrides of Detroit; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Louise Griggs and Eva James; one brother, Paul Griggs; one grandson; and one great granddaughter.

Memorial services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the Hicksville First Church of Christ, with Ken Wellman, minister of the church, officiating.

Calling is Sunday after 2 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville.

Memorials to Hospice-The Caring Way, or the Hicksville First Church of Christ.

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Area Deaths

LEO-CEDARVILLE — **Baline K. Davis**, 51, died Wednesday at home. Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, with calling there 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Rose A. Eversman**, 56, died unexpectedly Monday at home in Kendallville. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with calling there 4-8 p.m. today.

LAGRANGE — **Joe Fry**, 79, died Thursday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 2 p.m. Monday at First Church of God, LaGrange, with calling there 2-6 p.m. Sunday.

HOWE — **James E. Heath Jr.**, 43, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 10 a.m. Monday at St. James Episcopal Church, Howe. Calling is 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Pamela Lynn Wilhelm**, 30, died Wednesday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 1:30 p.m. Sunday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with calling there 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday.

BRYAN, Ohio — **Carolyn Sue Everhart**, 58, died Wednesday at home. Services are 9:30 a.m. northeast Indiana time Saturday at Rice Funeral Home, Bryan, with calling there 4-7 p.m. northeast Indiana time today.

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SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2001

Kenneth Thomas

ANGOLA — Kenneth C. Thomas, 76, of Angola, died Thursday, July 19, 2001, at University Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

He was a minister for the Angola Christian Church and churches in Louisville and Brodhead, Ky., Toledo, Ohio, Waynesburg, Pa., and Parkersburg, Ind.

He was a member of the Angola Christian Church and the Steuben County Ministerial Association, and had been a member of the Angola Rotary Club. He graduated from Male High School in Louisville, Ky., in 1942, and Johnson Bible College in Kimberly Heights, Tenn., in 1946, earning a bachelor of arts degree. He earned bachelor and master of divinity degrees from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.

He was born Sept. 15, 1924, in Russellville, Ky., to Willie T. and Lily (Ryan) Thomas. On June 2, 1945, in Toledo, Ohio, he married Birdie (Spade) Thomas, and she preceded him in death July 4, 1997. His parents are also deceased.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles "Chuck" and Lynn Thomas of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and James Swift of Fremont; three grandchildren, Jennifer Hoffbauer and Lori and Christopher Thomas; and two great-grandchildren, Aimee and Andrew Jordon Hoffbauer.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Robert Knowlton officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. Memorials are to Angola Christian Church and the Alzheimer's Support Group of Steuben County.

Opal Buchanan

HARLAN — Opal L. Buchanan, 90, of Harlan, died Friday, July 20, 2001, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was a secretary in the Selective Service for the U.S. government for eight years, retiring in 1952. She was a member of Indian Village Church of God in Auburn.

She was born Oct. 1, 1910, in Harlan to Edward and Myrtle (Sproat) Federspiel. On May 15, 1950, she married Orville Buchanan, and he preceded her in death in 1985. Two brothers, Earl and Bert Federspiel, and a sister, Marcella Young, are also deceased.

Surviving are a son, Morris E. Himler of Anchorage, Alaska; four sisters, Ruth Brendel of Auburn, Edythe Eager of Harlan, Ellen Dean of Rockford, Ill., and Doris Garber of Fresno, Ohio; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Hockemeyer Funeral Home in Harlan, with the Rev. Lloyd Harlan officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Harlan Cemetery. Memorials are to Indian Village Church of God or Betz Nursing Home Activity Fund.

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Marilyn Sarrazine

AUBURN — Marilyn A. Sarrazine, 61, died Thursday, July 19, 2001, at 8:30 p.m. in her rural Auburn home.

Mrs. Sarrazine was a tax preparer who worked for Galen D. Maust P.C. in Fort Wayne since 1990. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Rosary Society. She resided in Auburn for 34 years.

Mrs. Sarrazine

She was born in Kendallville on June 14, 1940, to Carl E. and Edna (Truelove) Harvey.

She married Leo W. Sarrazine in Kendallville on Oct. 1, 1966, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Diane Ort of Garrett; two sons, Douglas Sarrazine of Garrett and Dr. Ronald Sarrazine of Fort Wayne; one sister, June Graves of Kendallville; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Patricia "Eileen" Sherer.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, with Father Kenneth Sarrazine officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home, with a prayer service at 3:30 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School, St. Joseph Catholic Church or Masses.

Rex Hile

ASHLEY — Rex E. Hile, 72, died suddenly on Friday, July 20, 2001, at 5:43 a.m. in his rural Ashley home.

He was a resident of the Ashley area for over 43 years. He was a teacher in the Ashley schools for nine years and at Millersburg High School for four years. He owned Ashley Travel Agency and Bell Travel Service of Indianapolis for 16 years each. He also drove for Don Ray Drive Away RV for 14 years. He was veteran of the Korean Conflict.

He was a member of Columbia City Masonic Lodge 189 and was affiliate with the Ashley United Methodist Church. He was a former member of the original Ashley Lions Club.

Mr. Hile was born June 22, 1929, in South Whitley to Jacob and Mary (Stump) Hile.

He married his wife, Golden Hile, on June 4, 1942, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Trionne Hile-Dickerson and James Dickerson of Ashley; a son and daughter-in-law, Troy and Jayne Hile of Edgerton, Ohio; two sisters, Leola Goodrich of Grants Pass, Ore., and Carolyn Parnell of Columbia City; one brother, Verlin Hile of Columbia City; and five grandchildren, Richard, Rachel and Sarah Garman, and Lindsey and Michael Hile.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Kenneth Ludwig officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. A Masonic service will be held Sunday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ashley United Methodist Church.

Alta Wann

WESTERVILLE, Ohio — Alta J. Wann, 97, died Friday, July 20, 2001, at 5 a.m. in her home in Westerville, Ohio.

She was a homemaker and a former owner with her husband of the Starlite Motel for 27 years. She also previously owned D&A Auto Court in Butler with her husband. She was a 50-year member of the Forest Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, where she was worthy matron in 1959, 1965, 1973 and 1976. She was appointed grand representative of Mississippi for Indiana in 1979-1980. She was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church. She formerly lived in Auburn.

Mrs. Wann was born May 29, 1904, in Gibson City, Ill., to Horace and Nannie (Stone) Spry.

She married C. Dayton Wann on Dec. 21, 1922, and he died Nov. 16, 1988.

Surviving her are one daughter and son-in-law, D. Maxine and Don Corkwell of Columbus, Ohio; one sister, Imogene Bauer of Bradenton, Fla., two grandchildren, Nancy R. Schwind and her husband, Harry, and Bradley D. Corkwell; and four great-grandchildren, Scott and Drew Schwind, and Ashley and Ryan Corkwell.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Hicksville, Ohio.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Butler United Methodist Church.

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Area Deaths

Wilma Capp

BUTLER — Wilma Louise Capp, 80, died Thursday, July 19, 2001, at 7:45 a.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Capp was a retired clerk and formerly worked at Marshall Clothing, the City of Butler Utilities and Morenci Rubber. She was a member of Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, a charter member of the Butler American Legion Auxiliary and a former member of Forest Chaper of the Order of the Eastern Star Lodge 44. She also volunteered with Santa's Helpers for many years.

She was born in Fremont on Jan. 19, 1921, to John I. and Lucy Arveta (Worthington) Carr.

She married Charles W. Capp in Auburn on Sept. 5, 1941, and he died Sept. 22, 1998.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, David and Judy Capp of Butler; one daughter and son-in-law, Janet and John Phillips of Fremont; three grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

One brother, Lawrence Carr, one sister, Helen Grogg, and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church with the Rev. Tony Brooks officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler.

ALBION — **James A. Hickman**, 87, died Thursday at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home. Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, with the Rev. Eric Ball officiating. Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

CHURUBUSCO — **Lester D. "Pete" Schinbeckler**, 55, of Churubusco, died Thursday in his home. Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Vaughn Powell officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Covington

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Mildred Barry

FREMONT — Mildred L. Barry, 86, of Fremont, died Sunday, July 22, 2001, at Carlin Park Health Care in Angola.

The former co-owner and operator of Barry's Florist in Fremont, she was a member of the Fremont Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir. She also belonged to the local chapter of Sweet Adelines International, a show choir organization.

She was born April 20, 1915, in Angola to Guy and Mabel (Brouse) Throop, Sr. In 1935 in Steuben County she married Elmore Barry. Her husband preceded her in death Oct. 7, 1997. A brother, Guy Throop, Jr., is also deceased.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Anna Barry of Fremont and Dr. Greg and Rebecca Barry of Fremont; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Cleon and Pauline Throop of Angola.

Services will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Calling will be today from 5-8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont.

Maxine Healey

STROH — Maxine M. Healey, 82, died Saturday, July 21, 2001, at home.

The homemaker lived all of her life in LaGrange County. She was a member of Stroh Church of God.

She was born April 5, 1919, in LaGrange County to Henry and Mary (Gaffney) Pant. On April 24, 1938, in South Milford, she married Carl J. Healey, who preceded her in death Sept. 11, 1987.

Five sisters and seven brothers also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Joyce Bolen of Garrett, Ky.; two sons, Robert Healey of Pahrump, Nev., and Kenneth Healey of Lake City, Mich.; a sister, Marguerite Fish of Three Rivers, Mich.; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Lloyd Jury officiating. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Stroh Fire Department Ambulance Service.

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Margaret Lyons

HICKORY, N.C. — Margaret Jean (Pfingstag) Lyons, 71, of Hickory, N.C., died Thursday, July 19, 2001, at Duke Medical Center in Durham, N.C.

Mrs. Lyons was a school teacher for several public and private schools in California, Indiana and North Carolina, and also taught in Germany for two years. She was also a homemaker.

She was a member of Angola Christian Church and attended Highland Baptist Church in Hickory, N.C., where she was an active choir member. She also belonged to the Daughters of the American Revolution. She earned a bachelor's degree from Ball State University and a master's degree from Indiana University.

She was born Dec. 10, 1929, in Hudson to Vivian and Cleota (Lint) Pfingstag. She married Donald W. Lyons on June 13, 1959, and he survives in Hickory.

Also surviving are a son, Gary of Wake Forest, N.C.; a daughter, Amy Holdeman of Bloomington, Ind.; a brother, Richard Pfingstag of Angola; two sisters, Joann Coggeshall of Angola and Ruth Fox of Bay City, Mich.; and four grandchildren.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Angola Christian Church with the Rev. Kenny Robinson officiating. Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson. Memorials are to the Angola Christian Church and Highland Baptist Church in Hickory, N.C.

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TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2001

Donald Folk

ROSEBURG, Oregon — Donald Guy Folk, 78, died Sunday, July 22, 2001, in the evening in VA Transitional Care Unit in Roseberg.

Mr. Folk

A former Auburn resident, he was a photographer and formerly had studios in Texas and Bryan, Ohio. He was the ship photographer on the USS Nevada when he served in the U.S. Navy after his graduation from Auburn High School in 1941. He left the Navy as a photographer first class. He was a letter athlete in track in high school.

In 1950 he worked as a sports and feature writer for The Evening Star, where his column, Potpourri, won many awards. He eventually became managing editor.

He moved to Roseberg in 1970, where he worked for the News Review as a photographer and assistant manager. His column won an award as best of its type in Oregon in 1973.

In Auburn, he was active in the Jaycees, where he served as president, and in the Elks Lodge, where he was exalted ruler in 1962-63. He remained active in the Elks Lodge in Roseberg, where he served as secretary until his retirement in 1998. He was a member of the VFW in Bryan, where he served as post commander.

Mr. Folk was born June 8, 1923, in Auburn to Gilbert and Hattie Folk.

He married Virginia Hasey in 1946, and she died in 1985.

Surviving him are one son, Ken Folk of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Donna Mettert of Auburn and Toni Scanlon of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, Don Mettert, Melissa Straub, and Andrea Shipley, all of Auburn, Ed Placencia of Pennsylvania, Ray Placencia of Garrett, Jaime Placencia of Texas, and Ken Folk Jr.; and four great-grandchildren, Brittany, Dane and Landon Mettert, and Kyndra Shipley.

A sister, Jeanne Folk Shafer, preceded him in death.

Arrangements are pending at Taylor Funeral Home in Winston, Oregon.

Edgar Grimm

AUBURN — Edgar A. Grimm died Saturday at home.

Surviving him are his wife, Betty Ann; two sons, Kent and Kurt; and four grandchildren.

A memorial celebration for immediate family and close friends will take place at a later date in the meditation garden at the family residence.

Northeast Indiana Cremation Society, 4602 Newaygo Road, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2001

Opal Klein

KENDALLVILLE — Opal L. Klein, 96, died at 11:35 p.m. Monday at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

The member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, had lived at Kendallville Manor for the past 10 years.

She was born March 12, 1905, in LaGrange to Jay and Daisy (Stout) Denman. In 1923 she married Russell J. Wolf, who preceded her in death in 1951. She married Joseph R. Klein in 1951. He preceded her in death in 1980.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Katherine Wolf; a sister, Emma Klein; and two brothers, Holis and Clayton Klein.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Russell and Alice Wolf of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Robert Mehl and Doris and Ervin Knepper, all of Elkhart; two sisters, Wava Metter of Angola and Ruby Hess of Muncie; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery.

Calling is 9-11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Mary "Jean" Notestine**, 73, died Monday at LaGrange Community Hospital. Private memorial services will be held at a later date. No calling.

LAGRANGE — **Charles Speicher**, 87, died Monday at Lifecare Center of LaGrange. Memorial services will be at a later

GRABILL — **Harvey Wagler**, 81, died Tuesday at home. Services are 9 a.m. Friday at 19619 Springfield Center Road, Grabill, with calling there all day today and Thursday.

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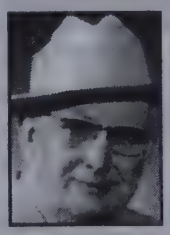
James Rust

ANGOLA — James "Jim" H. Rust, 81, of Angola, died Wednesday, July 25, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Rust

Mr. Rust had been a self-employed carpenter and contractor since 1946. He also retired as an auctioneer in 2000. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was a member of the Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, Angola Masonic Lodge 236, the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, the Mizpah Shrine Temple of Fort Wayne and the Orland post of the American Legion.

He was born July 3, 1920, in Lake Township, Allen County, to John Merle and Edith (Hire) Rust.

His wife, Greba (Cox) Rust, preceded him in death in 1988.

Surviving are two daughters, Sandra K. Chase of Bryan, Ohio, and Judy Ann Schenkel of Huntington; a brother, Alton E. Rust of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and his care-giver, Evelyn Snarr of Angola.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Pallbearers will be Chris Schenkel, Robert Wilson, Zachary and Matthew Laist and Jim and Gale Rust.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with a service by Angola Masonic Lodge 236 at 6:30 p.m.

Burial with military graveside services will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, the American Heart Association or the Orland American Legion.

Merton Lapham

ANGOLA — Merton Dale Lapham, 74, of Angola, died Wednesday, July 25, 2001, in his home.

Mr. Lapham worked as a machine operator for Tecumseh Products in Tecumseh, Mich., for 37 years.

He was born Nov. 17, 1926, in Hillsdale, Mich., to Owen and Myrtle Jane Lapham.

On Sept. 2, 1945, he married Jane Dutton in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Robert, Paul and Tim, all of Angola; three daughters, Judy Small of White Cloud, Mich., Jacqueline Tonkery of Allen Park, Mich., and Sherry Compton of Angola; a brother, Charles Brice of Florida; a sister, Hilda Cullder of Hillsdale; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Helen Wood and Dorothy Lapham, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Hillsdale County, Mich.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

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Lillie McMaster

WATERLOO — Lillie M. McMaster, 92, died Wednesday, July 25, 2001, at 5:15 a.m. in the Shepherd of the Hill nursing home at Kendallville.

Mrs. McMaster was a homemaker and formerly lived in Waterloo. She was a member of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in rural Ashley.

Mrs. McMaster

She was born Oct. 30, 1908, in Miniota, Manitoba, Canada, to George and Amelia (Robinson) Smithard.

She married Francis A. McMaster on April 5, 1931, in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. He died in 1982.

Surviving her are one son, Howard McMaster of Sparks, Nev.; one daughter, Joan Milam of Kendallville; one sister, Helen Black of Killarney, Manitoba, Canada; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One daughter, one brother and one sister preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Pastor Jeff Fackler officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, or Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Carole Meyers

ANGOLA — Carole Jean Meyers, 55, of Angola, died Tuesday, July 24, 2001, at her home.

She worked at Waterfield Mortgage Co., and later served as a service representative for A&L Great Lakes Lab.

She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, where she was part of a presenting couple for a Lutheran marriage encounter experience. She also belonged to the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Humanities Fund of Steuben County and the Community Foundation of Steuben County.

She was born in Fort Wayne on Aug. 27, 1945, to Robert D. and Beatrice Jean (Snyder) Boussum. Her father survives in Fort Wayne.

On May 27, 1972, she married the Rev. Donald E. Meyers. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are three sons, Donald E. Meyers Jr., of Okeechobee, Fla., Scott W. Meyers of Hamilton and Todd D. Meyers of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Marla J. Esterline of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Robert Boussum of Crystal Falls, Mich., and William Boussum of Fort Wayne; a sister, Constance Boussum of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren.

Her mother, Beatrice Jean (Snyder) Boussum, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola, with the Rev. William J. Hoerger officiating. Graveside services will be held Saturday at 12:15 p.m. in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to Calvary Lutheran Church or the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Sara Barton

WOLCOTTVILLE — Sara Ellen Barton, 58, died at 7:55 a.m. Wednesday, July 25, 2001, at home in rural Wolcottville after a lengthy illness.

The homemaker attended New Life Free Will Baptist Church, Ashley.

She was born Feb. 4, 1943, to Richard and Florence (Nott) Hazelton. On June 7, 1979, in Lebanon, Va., she married Ira Junior Barton, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Nanetta and James Tucker and Sheila and David Hicks, all of Wolcottville, and Christina and Ron Deel of Pinellas Park, Fla.; a son, Steven Barton of Wolcottville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Cecil and Margaret Hazelton and Richard and Julia Hazelton, all of Kendallville; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Barbara and Milo Lindzy of Warsaw and Beatrice Crooks of Reelsville; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A son, Jeffery Lynn Hazelton, preceded her in death Aug. 29, 1975.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at New Life Free Will Baptist Church. Burial will be at South Milford Cemetery.

Calling is after 2 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the family to help with funeral expenses.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Area Deaths

MONROEVILLE — **Mary C. Gremaux**, 75, died Tuesday at home. Prayers are 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville. Mass of Christian Burial is at St. Rose Catholic Church, Monroeville. Calling is 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, with a rosary said there at 8 p.m.

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Terry Casselman

KENDALLVILLE — Terry Lynn Casselman, 42, died Wednesday, July 25, 2001, at his parents' home on Little Long Lake, Kendallville, in a drowning accident.

The lifetime Kendallville area resident worked in tool maintenance at Dana, Kendallville.

He was born March 13, 1959, in Kendallville to Harold O. "Salty" and Joyce Marie (Fritz) Casselman, who survive. On Sept. 28, 1996, in Waterloo, he married Cynthia A. Crager, who survives.

Also surviving are two stepdaughters, Anna and Melissa Tuttle of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Tana and Gary Franklin of Wawaka; and a nephew, Bradley Franklin of Wawaka.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Michael D. Sassanella of Victory Baptist Church, Waterloo, officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to A.R.C. of Noble County.

obert Picklesimer

GARRETT — Robert W. cklesimer, 49, died Sunday, July 2001, at 4:06 p.m. in Hospice ome of Northeast Indiana at Fort ayne.

Mr. Picklesimer was a painter d lived in Garrett.

He was born Nov. 12, 1951, in rrett to Harry and Ardith enda) Picklesimer. His mother rvives in Garrett and his father is ceased.

Also surviving him are one ughter, Ramona Myers of Garrett; four sisters, Myrna Zmyslony, Linda Kline and Karen Crooks, all of Garrett, and Brenda Monteith of Panama City, Fla.; one brother, Marvin Picklesimer of Mims, Fla.; two grandchildren, Frederick and Michael Howell; one aunt and 13 nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Calvary Chapel Worship Center, Auburn, with Pastor Rodney Buzzard officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

There will be no calling. Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Lori Cheviron

NEW HAVEN — Lori L. (Heiser) Cheviron, 41, died Saturday, July 21, 2001, in a plane crash near Chenoa, Ill. Her companion, Don L. Stretch, also died in the crash.

She was a special projects clerk for 13 years at Fort Wayne Orthopedics. She lived in New Haven and was a member of New Haven United Methodist Church.

She was born in Fort Wayne. Her father, Ralph Heiser, survives in Butler and her mother, Betty Ort, survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving her are one son, Austin of New Haven; one daughter, Brittney Cheviron of New Haven; two brothers, Bruce Heiser of Fort Wayne and Doug Heiser of Auburn; and two half-sisters, Yvonne Ternett of Brookmill, Va., and Penny Panyard of Fort Wayne.

Services were held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the New Haven United Methodist Church. Burial was in the IOOF Cemetery in New Haven.

E. Harper & Sons Funeral Home, New Haven, was in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Charles A. Egerton**, 72, died Sunday at Ventura County Medical Center, Ventura, Calif. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 9-11 a.m.

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SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2001

Clarence Smith

BUTLER — Clarence S. Smith, 85, of Butler and formerly of Potomac, Ill., died Friday, July 27, 2001, in the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mr. Smith served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked as a heavy equipment operator at the Chanute Air Field in Rantoul, Ill. He had resided in Butler for the past three years.

He was born in Vester, Ky. on Sept. 13, 1915, to Sam S. and Gracie (Dooley) Smith.

He married Ruby Hiatt in Illinois on Sept. 4, 1947. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are one son, Robert J. Smith of Catlin, Ill.; one daughter and son-in-law, Frank and Mary Jane Palmer of Hamilton; three grandchildren, Michelle Thomas of Butler and Stephanie and Melissa Smith of Catlin, Ill.; and one great grandson, Nicholas Palmer Thomas of Butler.

Services are pending at Sunset Funeral Home in Danville, Ill., with burial to be in Sunset Memorial Park, also in Danville.

Local arrangements are being made by H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler.

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Max Myers

AUBURN — Max R. Myers, 82, died Friday, July 27, 2001, at noon in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Myers

Mr. Myers worked for Warner Gear Co. in Auburn, retiring in 1976 after 36 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge and American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

He was born July 25, 1919, in Montgomery, Mich., to Lester and Iva (Jenkens) Myers.

He married Opal Green on Sept. 23, 1937, in Steuben County, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Sue and Herb Schwartz of Auburn and Pam Gillespie, also of Auburn; two half-sisters, Pauline McConnell of Fremont and Evelyn Kulow of Hillsdale, Mich.; four grandchildren, Andy Schwartz, Tammy Freeman, Tiffany Wells and Elizabeth Gillespie; and five great-grandchildren.

One brother, Rex Myers, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with military graveside services by the American Legion Post 97.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. The Auburn Moose Lodge will conduct a service Sunday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

George Diehm

KENDALLVILLE — George F. Diehm, 68, died in his home at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2001.

Mr. Diehm was a part-time truck driver for Anderson's in Waterloo. He was retired from Hudson Truck.

Mr. Diehm

He was born on Feb. 17, 1933, in Avilla, to Earl and Ella (Weimer) Diehm. They preceded him in death.

He married Dolores M. (Brand) Diehm on Sept. 3, 1994, in Townsend, Tenn. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Julie Diehm of Wolcotville, Jordan and Teri Priest of Waupun, Wis., Chris and Jamie Priest of Elletsville, and Jeff Priest of Garrett; one daughter, Amy Rogers of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren, Korbyn and Dustin Diehm, Wyatt Rogers, Jeremy Priest, Kristen and Amanda Gast, Richie Gast, Zaric and Zayne Priest and BJ and Mackenzie Clevenger; one sister, Dorothy Porter of Fort Wayne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Wayne and Lois Diehm of Kendallville and Carl and Sharon Diehm of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla on Monday, July 30, at 10 a.m. Pastor Dean Bearman will officiate.

Calling will be on Sunday, July 29, from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla and one hour prior to service at the Church.

Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Area Deaths

GREENHILLS, Ohio — **Richard J. Mawhorter**, 73, died Thursday, July 26, 2001, at 10:40 p.m. Services at Cosperville Baptist Church Tuesday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time.) Calling at the church on Tuesday from noon until the time of the service. Burial will be at Cosperville Cemetery.

TRI-LAKES — **Carlis E. "Chuck" Watson, Sr.**, 56, died at 10 p.m. Thursday, July 26, 2001. Services 4 p.m. Sunday at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco. Calling is at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

KENDALLVILLE — **Emma E. Powell**, 83, died Thursday, July 26, 2001, at 1:25 a.m. in Proven Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. Services will be held on Tuesday, July 31, at 1 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hill. Calling will be at the church two hours previous to the service. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

KENDALLVILLE — **Vayne E. VanBuskirk**, 94, died Thursday, July 26, 2001. Graveside services Monday, July 30, 2 p.m. at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

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SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2001

Ruth Anna Oetting

FORT WAYNE — Ruth Anna Oetting, 81, died Thursday, July 26, 2001, at 2:42 p.m. at her daughter's home in Plymouth, Mich.

Mrs. Oetting was a native and lifetime resident of Fort Wayne. She worked at General Electric for six years during World War II.

She also worked for the East Allen County Schools as a baker for more than 15 years, retiring in 1987.

She was a homemaker and a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

She enjoyed traveling and shopping with her five daughters.

She was born June 29, 1920, in Fort Wayne to Ralph H. and Katherine (Meyer) Smith.

Her husband, Arthur Fredich Karl Oetting, died on May 26, 2001.

Surviving are five daughters, Ronda Oetting Majors of Plymouth, Mich., Joann Rice and Linda Gospodarek, both of Fort Wayne, Diane Cocks of Winona Lake and Doris Scheumann of Hoagland; four brothers, Roy Smith of Tampa, Fla., Walter Smith and Calvin Smith, both of Fort Wayne, and Melvin Smith of Apache Junction, Ariz.; four sisters, LaVon Myers of Butler, and Malvina Tindall, Maryetta Shive and Gloria Close, all of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Russell Smith and Ralph Smith, and a sister, Thelma Clem.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. David Martin of Risen Christ Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Mich., will officiate.

Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery, New Haven.

Calling is Monday from 1-3 and 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the University of Michigan Cancer Center, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0718

Elenor Mitchell

AUBURN — Elenor E. Mitchell, 67, died Saturday, July 28, 2001, at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Mitchell was retired from her work as a scheduler at Auburn Gear. She was a member of Sigma Beta Sorority.

She was born in Auburn on Feb. 28, 1934.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Mitchell, in August 1992.

Surviving are her mother, Dorothy Mavis of Auburn; two sisters, Evelyn J. Greenfield and Ellen J. Wood, both of Auburn; two brothers, Donald E. Mavis of Berne and Darrell W. Mavis of Coldwater, Mich.; one stepdaughter, Julie Reuter of Fort Wayne; one stepson, Michael Mitchell of Leo-Cedarville; and six stepgrandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 4-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Gladys Gardner

BERNE — Gladys Kathryne Gardner, 90, formerly of Kendallville, died Friday, July 27, 2001, at 10:35 p.m. in Adams County Hospital in Decatur.

Mrs. Gardner moved to Swiss Village at Berne in 2000 from St. Clair Shores, Mich.

She managed the Chicago Motor Club office in Kendallville for 13 years, retiring in 1973. She was a memberFaith United Methodist Church in Kendallville and its Esther Circle, and was a past member of the Business and Professional Women of Kendallville. She also was an original, 25-year member of the Garden Club and a past president.

She was born in Pandora, Ohio, on Sept. 23, 1910, to Carl Benjamin Gerber and Iva L. (Alexander) Gerber.

She married Leonard Harold Gardner in Fort Wayne on June 25, 1938. He died Jan. 23, 1980.

Surviving are one daughter, Joan Gardner of Seattle, Wash.; one sister, Ladonna C. Walker of Helton, Ky.; and one granddaughter, Amy Roche.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Norma Kay "Maggie" Gardner, on June 3, 1989; and two brothers, Kenneth B. Gerber and Eugene H. Gerber.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville at a later date.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are being made by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Emma Powell

KENDALLVILLE — Emma E. Powell, 83, died Thursday, July 26, 2001, at 1:25 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla. She had been ill for three weeks.

She worked as a housekeeper and had lived in the Kendallville area since moving from Fremont in1942. She had resided at Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Home in Kendallville for the past seven years.

She was born in Tekonsha, Mich., on Feb. 3, 1918, to Clarence S. and Dorothy (Morey) Powell.

Surviving are her guardian and grandniece, Stephanie Landez of Kendallville, and one sister, Carrie Van Auken of Kendallville.

Three brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Home at Kendallville, with the Rev. Roger Olson, chaplain of Shepherd of the Hill, officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling is Tuesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hill.

Memorials to Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Home.

Arrangements were made by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home of Kendallville.

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Clement Jablonski

LIGONIER — Clement J. Jablonski, 81, of Ligonier, died Thursday, July 26, 2001, at 2:05 p.m. at Kingston of Ligonier.

Mr. Jablonski was a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and a U.S. Navy veteran. He was former owner of the Ligonier Western Auto and was a member of the West Noble American Legion Post 243 of Ligonier.

He was born in Milwaukee, Wis., on May 16, 1920, to John and Antoinette (Bodus) Jablonski.

His wife, Loretta (Sokoloski) Jablonski, died in 1994

He is survived by a daughter, Barbara Adams of Goshen; a son, James Jablonski of Australia; a sister, Rita Sileno of LaQuinta, Calif.; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

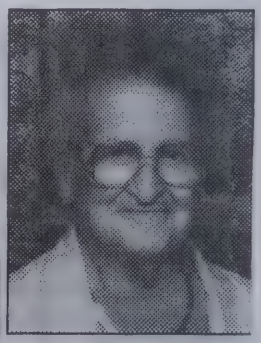
Three brothers and four sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 9:45 a.m. in Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. A Mass of Christian burial follows at 10 a.m. in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier, with Father Bebesino Fernandes officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery in South Bend, with military graveside services at 1 p.m.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Marcelle H. Bredemeyer

Fort Wayne — 1920-2001



Marcelle H. Bredemeyer, 81, of Fort Wayne, a member of the Crescent Home Ec Club, died Thursday, July 26, 2001, at home.

The Garrett native was a homemaker, a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Washington Township Firemen's Auxiliary and a former volunteer at Arbors at Fort Wayne. Surviving are her husband, Robert H.; daughters Alyce M. Fox and Judith J. Coolman, both of Fort Wayne; a son, Robert G. of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers. Services are 1 p.m. Monday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, with calling from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens. Memorials are to the church.

Information provided by Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, 485-8500.

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MONDAY, JULY 30, 2001

Warren Krantz

ANGOLA — Warren F. Krantz, 82, of Angola, died Saturday, July 28, 2001 at Carlin Park Healthcare Center in Angola.

He lived in Leesburg, Fla., for 20 years before moving back to Angola.

Mr. Krantz was a machinist at Dana Weatherhead in Angola, retiring in 1964. He was the former owner of Superior Repair Service in Angola. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Leesburg.

He was born Oct. 1, 1918, in Hewitt, Minn., to Franz Emil and Mary (Leyde) Krantz.

On Feb. 12, 1943, he married Eileen Fenby. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Douglas Warren Krantz of Fishers; four daughters, Susan Hobbs of Angola; Kathleen Gravelle of Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, Dale Rossington of Alpharetta, Ga., and Marilyn Riegel of Fremont; a sister, Gladys Ford of Tucson, Ariz.; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Norman Glassburn officiating. There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Ministry Village of the First Baptist Church of Leesburg, Fla.

E. Wayne Ellis

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — E. Wayne Ellis, 82, of California Township, Montgomery, Mich., died Saturday, July 28, 2001, at his home.

A farmer, Mr. Ellis was born Feb. 15, 1919, in Branch County, Mich., to Harley H. and Frances May (Rootes) Ellis.

Surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Kathleen and George Brackney of Garden City, Mich., and Eva Lucille Budd of Coldwater, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Harvey and Lilah Ellis of Anchorage, Alaska; and 17 nieces and nephews.

A brother, Delbert Ellis, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Jerry Brackney officiating. Burial will be in California Cemetery in Branch County, Mich.

Calling is Tuesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Michigan Christian Youth Camp, 820 N. Lake George Rd., Attica, Mich. 48412.

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TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2001

CHURUBUSCO — **Anthony P. "Tony" Paul**, 79, died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling there 5-8 p.m. today and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Thomas J. Hontz**, 83, died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling there 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2001

Ruth Pyck

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth Pyck, 69, died unexpectedly about 9 p.m. Monday, July 30, 2001, at her home north of Kendallville.

She was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 23, 1931, to Miles M. and Ada (Slone) Slone. On Aug. 4, 1951, in Logan, W.Va., she married Andy Raymond Pyck, who survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Connie Pyck of Auburn and Gregory and Kim Pyck of Leo-Cedarville; three daughters and sons-in-law, Dinah and James W. Pierson Jr. and Nancy and Donald Shippy Jr., all of Kendallville, and Andrea and Tim France of Chattanooga, Tenn.; three sisters, Ruby Tiller of Nashville, Tenn., and Marinda Slone and Marie Prater, both of McArthur, Ohio; three brothers, Bernard Slone of Phoenix, Ariz., Clyde Slone of Ohio and Herman Slone of Kentucky; 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Mrs Pyck

A sister, Mrytle Pratt, and two brothers, Kay and Winston Slone, preceded her in death.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Dorothy Shugart

AUBURN — Dorothy M. Shugart, 93, died Monday, July 30, 2001, in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Shugart

Mrs. Shugart was a homemaker and lived in in Auburn. She graduated from Edgerton High School and Cosmetology College. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and the First United Methodist Church in Auburn. She received the Auburn Jaycees Community Service Award in 1957.

She was a former 4-H leader, served as a Cub Scout den mother for 45 years and held a lifetime honorary membership in the Boy Scouts of America.

She was the pet parade chairman for the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair for 20 years.

She was born Feb. 17, 1908, in Spencerville to Edward and Nettie (Betz) Houck.

Her husband, Francis A. Shugart, preceded her in death.

Surviving are one daughter-in-law, Judith E. Shugart of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, including Dr. Robert M. Shugart of Fort Wayne; two stepgrandchildren, four great-grandchildren, two stepgreat-grandchildren, one niece and three nephews.

She was preceded in death by one son, Dr. Robert R. Shugart, in 1996, and one brother, Homer H. Houck.

Graveside services will be held today at 1 p.m. in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Armor Program for Dogs of the Auburn Police Department, 210 S. Cedar St.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

John Jones

BUTLER — John D. "J.D." Jones, 88, died Tuesday, July 31, 2001, at 12:05 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Jones was a self-employed sign painter for 44 years. He served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1945 and lived in Butler. He was a member of the Hamilton Fish & Game Club, Butler American Legion Post 202 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Nov. 30, 1912, in Columbia, Mo., to John D. and Ona (Tucker) Jones.

He married Ruth M. Thiel on April 12, 1941, in Bryan, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Denny and Christina Jones of Hamilton; one daughter and son-in-law, Yvonne and Lowell King of Waterloo; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, Bob Jones, Tucker Jones and Dan Jones, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in H.E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Ralph Diehl of New Hope Christian Center officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Glen T. "Tom" Wiese**, 66, died Tuesday at home in Kendallville. A celebration of life gathering is 2 p.m. Aug. 19 at the Mid-America Windmill Museum Wiese Pavilion, Kendallville.

HUNTERTOWN — **Tabitha Marie Stockert**, infant daughter of Jennifer Lyne Black and Joseph F. Stockert, died Monday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Graveside services are 2 p.m. today at Greenlawn Memorial Park, 6600 Covington Road. No calling.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2001

Don Luttman

HUDSON — Don H. Luttman, 74, died Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2001, at 1:20 p.m. in his Hudson home.

Mr. Luttman served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. He retired from farming in Avilla in 1974. He worked as an electrician at Zollner Corp. in Fort Wayne for 34 years, retiring in 1989. Since his retirement, he has spent winters in Sebring, Fla., and summers in Hudson. He attended the Hudson United Methodist Church.

He was born July 11, 1927, in Hudson to Jennings and Beatrice (Howard) Luttman.

He married Janice M. Gaetz on March 21, 1986, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Dave and Kimberly Luttman of Las Vegas, Nev., Matthew and Nancy Luttman of Pizen, Czech Republic, and Joseph Luttman of Flagstaff, Ariz.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Suzanne Luttman and Mike Gudis of Santa Clara, Calif., and Laura and Doug Soboslay of Phoenix, Ariz.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Joyce and Ken Thomas of Ashley; a stepson and his wife, Robert and Heather Gaetz of Ashley; a brother, Roger Luttman of Sebring, Fla.; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Kenneth Ludwig officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hudson Volunteer Fire Department or Thoughts of Faith Czech Mission, 900 Market St., Oregon WI 53575.

Kevin Reinhold

ANGOLA — Kevin P. Reinhold, 46, of Angola, died Tuesday, July 31, 2001, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne from injuries suffered in a workplace accident.

Mr. Reinhold was a lineman for Northern Indiana Public Service Co., and attended Emmanuel Christian Church in Hamilton. He was a graduate of Valparaiso High School.

He was born April 3, 1955, in Indianapolis, to Hubert P. and Marie P. (Bruhns) Reinhold. They survive in Goshen.

On July 12, 1980, in Angola, he married Cheryl Anne Agonis. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are four sons, Michael, Daniel, John and Paul, all at home; two daughters, Sarah and Anna, both at home; a brother, Mark, of Mishawaka; and a sister, Rachelle Sattler of Two Harbors, Minn.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, with the Rev. Bud Granger officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to the Reinhold Educational Fund in care of Cheryl Reinhold.

Herbert Brown Sr.

FREMONT — Herbert J. Brown Sr., 84, of Fremont, died Tuesday, July 31, 2001 in Fremont.

A 50-year Jamestown Township resident, he was a retired Indiana Toll Road employee and a self-employed carpenter.

He was born June 22, 1917, in Steuben County to Ray and Delilah (Hulse) Brown.

On Feb. 21, 1942, in Angola, he married Martha E. Miller. She survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Paul Tatro and Nancy and Robert Rice, all of Fremont; a son, Herbert John Brown, Jr., of LaGrange; 12 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Helen Lytle of Fremont, Marie Crooks of Huntertown and Maxine Romine of Columbia City; and a brother, Edward Brown of Auburn.

A great-grandchild, Emily Harger, and three sisters, Edith Brown, Esther Boese and Pauline Watters, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Dale Gerig officiating.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Jamestown Church in Fremont.

Gordon Sears

COLDWATER, Mich. — Gordon E. Sears, 79, of Coldwater, died Tuesday, July 31, 2001, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. Sears was a former pastor, church song leader and evangelistic minister. He was a professional piano tuner for over 50 years.

He was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Angola and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He also traveled with the Old Fashioned Revival Hour with pianist Rudy Atwood and organist Harold DeCou.

He was born in Hyannis, Mass., on May 26, 1922, to Luther Hastings and Edith Blanche (Hubley) Sears.

On June 25, 1952, in Sunbury, Pa., he married Mary Ruth Ficks. She survives in Coldwater.

Also surviving are a daughter, Ruth Ann Sears of Coldwater; four sons, Jerry of Coldwater, Warren and Jon of Indianapolis and Carl of Orland; a sister, Edith Sears of Westland, Mich.; three brothers, Warren of Prince Edward Island, Canada, Cedric of Phoenix, Ariz., and Ernest of Shrewsbury, Mass.; and nine grandchildren.

Four brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Baptist Church in Angola, with Dr. Bob Koenig officiating. Burial will be in East Gilead Cemetery in Branch County, Mich.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, and Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

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Darla Randol

ANGOLA — Darla L. Randol, 46, died at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2001, at home in rural Angola.

The office clerk at EMF Corp., Angola, lived most of her life in LaGrange and Steuben counties. She attended East Springfield Methodist Church.

She was born July 3, 1955, in LaGrange to Kenneth M. and Mildred (Hose) Coney. Her mother survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Michael W. and Trenton J. Randol, both of Angola, and Brian and Kristen Randol and Brandon and Colleen Randol, all of LaGrange; five sisters, Sharlla Zimmerman, Rebecca Angus and Nina Randol, all of Angola, and Deanna Johnson and Kathy Randol, both of LaGrange; three brothers, Tom, Ken and Tim Coney, all of LaGrange; and six grandchildren.

A son, Travis Randol, preceded her in death June 15, 1997.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are donor's choice.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Audrey Krantz Mayer**, 70, died Monday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Memorial services are 8:30 a.m. Sept. 2 at Presbyterian Church, Oneida. No calling.

SPOONER, Wis. — **Carl M. Gappinger Jr.**, 73, died Monday at Spooner Health Systems, Spooner, Wis. Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with calling 2-6 p.m. Sunday.

HOWE — **Joseph T. Keller**, 87, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange. Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, LaGrange. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with a rosary said at 8 p.m.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2001

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Area Death

WAWAKA — **James E. Herendeen**, 77, died Wednesday. Services at 2 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

DEFIANCE, Ohio — **Winona M. Guyas**, 88, died Wednesday. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier. Calling from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2001

Blanche Cook

BUTLER — Blanche E. Cook, 80, died Friday, Aug. 3, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

A 1938 graduate of St. Joe High School, she also graduated from Warner Beauty College, Fort Wayne. She retired in in 1978 as an assembly worker for Crane Edmund in Butler.

She attended Broadway Christian Church, Fort Wayne, and was a caretaker for Newville Cemetery. She enjoyed camping, fishing and playing Scrabble.

She was born Sept. 4, 1920, in St. Joe to George and LuReign (Thomas) Strong.

On Jan. 20, 1942, in St. Joe she married Merritt Eugene Newton, who preceded her in death July 13, 1946.

On June 3, 1950, in Angola she married Wendell A. Cook, who survives in Butler.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, William and Carol Winebrenner of Fremont, Gary and Jean Prough of Butler and Cherie Buck of Pleasant Lake; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Thomas and Catherine Cook of Butler, Glen Cook of Butler and Lavoy Cook of Hicksville, Ohio; three sisters, June Brown of Kendallville, Alice Hose of Butler and Coral Steckley of Auburn; three brothers, Lloyd Strong of Fremont, Grant Strong of Wabash and Harry Strong of St. Joe; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Doris Eleaine Newton, in 1984.

Private family services will be held Monday at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. Burial will be in Newville Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Mary Likens

HUDSON — Mary Kathryn Likens, 79, of rural Hudson, died Friday, Aug. 3, 2001, at 4:35 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

An avid golfer and bowler, she was a member of the Salem Center Presbyterian Church, where she was an elder and a member of the Ladies Aid of the church.

She was a member of Lady Elks of Garrett and the American Legion Auxiliary of Garrett, as well as a 50-year member of the Ashley Order of Eastern Star No. 229.

She did volunteer work at the Garrett Hospital Auxiliary and was a past president of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Garrett, a member of the Steuben County Women's Club, and was active in the Child Welfare Clinic of Angola.

She was a graduate of Kendallville High School. She formerly worked for Spencer Florist in Garrett and Auburn and Throop Florist in Angola.

She was born Sept. 26, 1921, in Noble County to Charles and Louise (Fritz) Haverfield.

She married Richard W. Likens on Dec. 21, 1947, in Kendallville. He survives

Also surviving are: a daughter and son-in-law, Randy and Sue Ann Williams of Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Bobbie Likens of Angola; a sister, Betty Newman of Kendallville; a niece and two great-nieces, and three grandchildren, Shawn A. and Chad D. Severe and Erica N. Likens.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Joan Iddings.

Services will be held at Tuesday 11 a.m. at the Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating.

Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Salem Center Presbyterian Church or Shriners Hospital for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa FL 33607.

Henry Jensen

AUBURN — Henry W. Jensen, 82, died Friday, Aug. 3, 2001, at 4 p.m. at Wesley Health Care, Auburn.

Mr. Jensen was retired from his career as a maintenance worker for East Allen County Schools and a dye setter for Rhinehart Manufacturing, Spencerville.

He was born Oct. 27, 1918, in Chicago.

Surviving are his wife, Josephine Jensen; three sons and daughters-in-law, James and Patricia Jensen of Dana, Ill., Hugh and Lois Jensen of Peachtree, Ill., and Paul and Diane Jensen of Decatur, Ill.; a daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Brad Bloomfield of Fort Wayne; two stepsons and their wives, Michael and Pam Good and John and Dawn Good, all of Auburn; a stepdaughter and her husband, Amy and Jack Schultis of Angola; 11 grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Nina Jensen, four sisters and a brother.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church, Auburn, with Father Charles Herman officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Fund or the church.

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Evening Star, Sat., Aug. 4, 2001 (cont'd)

Kailyn Adams

ANGOLA — Infant Kailyn Isabell Adams was stillborn Thursday, Aug. 2, at Dupont Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her mother, Kasey J. Darnell of Angola; her father, Justin E. Adams of Pleasant Lake; her grandparents, Cathy and Bill Darnell of Angola, and Jim and Martha Adams of Pleasant Lake.

Also surviving are her maternal great-grandparents, Nan and Bob Whithed of Coldwater, Mich., and Randall Darnell of Benton, Ky.; her paternal great-grandparents, Opal Adams of Montgomery, Mich., and Janice Creager of Hamilton; and her paternal great-great-grandmother, Erma Burch of Hamilton.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in California Cemetery, Branch County, Mich., with Pastor Joe Everly officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Sonlight Community Church in Angola.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Harold Joseph Statler**, 71, was found dead in his semi on Highway 20 at Racine, Wis., Thursday. Services are at 1 p.m. Monday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

ALBION — **Paul Michael Walsdorf Jr.**, 61, died Friday at home in Albion. Services are 11 a.m. Monday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and 10-11 a.m. Monday at the church.

Albert J. Lemish

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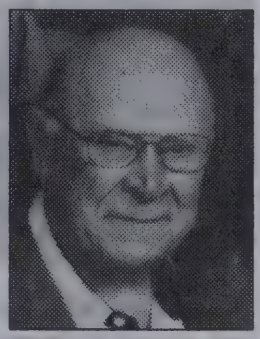
Fort Wayne — 1916-2001

Albert J. Lemish, 85, of Fort Wayne, who was a mechanic at Holsom Bakery until his retirement in 1981, died Friday, July 13, 2001, at home.

"He enjoyed sports and fishing, and loved his grandchildren."



The Garrett native was a member of Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus. Surviving are his wife, Margaret M.; a daughter, Linda McNaughton; six grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. A daughter, Janice Tester, three brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Mass of Christian Burial is 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, 7215 St. Joe Road, with calling one hour before services. Calling is also from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with a vigil is 4:30 p.m. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery. Memorials are to the church or the Heart Fund.

Information provided by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., 426-9494.

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Melvin 'Kelly' Yates

COLUMBIA CITY — Melvin N. "Kelly" Yates, 91, of Columbia City and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Aug. 4, 2001 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Columbia City.

He had retired from General Electric after 28 years, and was a member of the company's Quarter Century Club. He was a member of the Agape Church of the Brethren, and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was born Oct. 8, 1909 in Allen County to James and Easter (McGuire) Yates. On July 4, 1931, he married Naomi Shambaugh, and she preceded him in death on Nov. 28, 1981. He married Loretta Gandy on Nov. 3, 1984, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Marilyn Omspacher of Garrett; a son, Robert Yates of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Carol Yates of Merriam; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Four sons, Melvin, Jr., Glen, Edward and James Yates, two brothers, Ervin and Fred Yates, and three sisters, Elsie Freeman, Wilma Grames and Laverne Hippenhammer, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Keith Simmons officiating. Calling will be 4-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery in Churubusco. Memorials in lieu of flowers are to the Agape Church of the Brethren, 11610 Lima Rd., Fort Wayne.

Patricia Macy

CHURUBUSCO — Patricia L. Macy, 69, of Churubusco, died Friday, Aug. 3, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She had worked at Dana Corp. in Columbia City for 12 years, and was a member of Big Lake Church of God north of Columbia City since age 14.

Mrs. Macy

She was born Oct. 6, 1931, in Wolcottville, to John Claude and Lula Mae (Gevedon) Halsey. She grew up in the Kimmell community, and graduated from Albion High School in 1949.

On Oct. 11, 1952, she married Charles E. Macy, and lived most of her married life in Churubusco. Her husband survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Tina Macy of Ege; a daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis and James Eckert of Churubusco; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Ralleigh Halsey of Kimmel, Delver and Iona Halsey of Rome City, and Marion and Pearl Halsey of Cromwell; a sister and brother-in-law, Justine and Norbert Gaff of Green Acres, Fla.; five grandchildren, Nathan Macy and companion Denise Stine, of Fort Wayne, Dustin Macy and companion Jessi Vargo, of LaOtto, Molly Macy of Ege, Bradley Eckert of Churubusco and Huong Nguyen of Churubusco.

Two sisters, Stella Halsey and Dora Lawson, and five brothers, Bishop William Fred, Kelly, Elbert, Warren and Denny Halsey, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at Big Lake Church of God, with the Rev. J. Phillip Blake and the Rev. Gregory Capsel officiating. Calling will be Sunday 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, and noon-1 p.m. Monday at the church.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell. Memorials are to the family.

Gladys Gardner

BERNE — Gladys Kathryne Gardner, 90, formerly of Kendallville, died Friday, July 27, 2001, at 10:35 p.m. in Adams County Hospital in Decatur.

Mrs. Gardner moved to Swiss Village at Berne in 2000 from St. Clair Shores, Mich.

She managed the Chicago Motor Club office in Kendallville for 13 years, retiring in 1973. She was a memberFaith United Methodist Church in Kendallville and its Esther Circle, and was a past member of the Business and Professional Women of Kendallville. She also was an original, 25-year member of the Garden Club and a past president.

She was born in Pandora, Ohio, on Sept. 23, 1910, to Carl Benjamin Gerber and Iva L. (Alexander) Gerber.

She married Leonard Harold Gardner in Fort Wayne on June 25, 1938. He died Jan. 23, 1980.

Surviving are one daughter, Joan Gardner of Seattle, Wash.; one sister, Ladonna C. Walker of Helton, Ky.; and one granddaughter, Amy Roche.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Norma Kay "Maggie" Gardner, on June 3, 1989; and two brothers, Kenneth B. Gerber and Eugene H. Gerber.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville at a later date.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are being made by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Larry Geisinger

ALBION — Larry Michael Geisinger, 53, of Auburn, died Friday, Aug. 3, 2001, at his home. He had moved to Auburn two months ago after residing in Albion 18 years.

He was employed at Dexter Axle in Albion, and served in the U.S. Marines during the Vietnam War. He was an avid fisherman who made fishing lures for a hobby and was also a string wire artist.

He earned the RVN Cross of Gallantry medal for his valor during the war, and also earned the Sharpshooters Rifle Badge.

He was born Aug. 11, 1947, in Auburn, to Hubert F. and Anna Gertrude (Reinig) Geisinger. On July 18, 1981, in Corunna, he married Linda Hansen. His wife survives.

Also surviving are his mother, of Lapine, Ore.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Marie Geisinger of Auburn and Maxine and Chris Anderson of Ewa Beach, Hawaii; a brother, Lonnie Geisinger of Lapine, Ore.; and four grandchildren, Christopher and Arianna Anderson and Shayla and Ethan Geisinger.

His father; a daughter, Michelle Geisinger; and a brother, Larry Geisinger, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn. There will be no calling. Memorials are to the family. Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo was in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Gladys L. Sevits Rarick**, 88, of Columbia City, died Thursday, Aug. 2, 2001, at Oaks Living Care Center. Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery.

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Terry Longsworth Sr.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Terry Lee Longsworth Sr., 53, died at 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, 2001, at home. He had been ill with cancer since March 29.

He had lived in the Wolcottville area since 1980. He was foreman for a diesel mechanic shop, Transcom, Fort Wayne, where he had worked for 28 years. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 381, Rome City, and the Kendallville Eagles Lodge.

He was born Aug. 10, 1947, in Lima, Ohio, to Carl James Longsworth Sr., who preceded him in death, and Betty Lee (Grubb) Longsworth, who survives in Lima. On Jan. 22, 1966, in Wolcottville, he married Tarena Baird, who survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Terry Jr. and Jan Longsworth and Todd and Emily Longsworth, all of Kendallville, and Troy and Missy Longsworth of Dwarf, Ky.; a brother, Carl James Longsworth Jr. of Lima; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Carol and Albert Truesdale of Columbus, Ohio, and Marvyl Longsworth of Atlanta, Ga.; and four grandchildren, Tiffany, Christopher, Zachariah and Jenna Longsworth.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St. Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole of Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville, officiating.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice, Auburn.

Phyllis Walker

WATERLOO — Phyllis R. Walker, 70, died Saturday, Aug. 4, 2001, at about 9 p.m. in a helicopter crash near Waterloo.

Mrs. Walker

Mrs. Walker was retired from her career as a home economics teacher in the DeKalb Central United School District after 23 years of service. She was a member of Cedar Lake Church of Christ, Auburn Garden Club, Never Idle Extension Homemakers Club, Spinning Spools Quilt Guild, and The Little Sewing Club.

She was born June 30, 1931, in Wabash to Robert and Lucille (Keaffaber) Renbarger.

She married Marvin R. Walker on March 27, 1954. He also died in the crash.

Surviving her are one son and daughter-in-law, Rory R. and Diana Walker of Waterloo; four daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and John Szablowski of Bakersfield, Calif., Tina and Steve Hood of Noblesville, Amy and Bill Buchs of Waterloo, and Molly and Dave Schuman of Corunna; one brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Joan Renbarger of Wabash; and 13 grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo, with Brian Wilcox officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 1-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Marvin and Phyllis Walker Agricultural Scholarship Fund, in care of Peoples Federal Savings Bank, Waterloo.

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Evening Star, Mon., Aug. 8, 2001 (cont'd)

Marvin Walker

WATERLOO — Marvin R. Walker, 72, died Saturday, Aug. 4, 2001, at about 9 p.m. in a helicopter crash near Waterloo.

Mr. Walker

Mr. Walker was a self-employed farmer and a U.S. Air Force veteran. He was a member of Cedar Lake Church of Christ and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

He was born Sept. 17, 1928, in Waterloo to Russell R. and Helen (Miller) Walker.

He married Phyllis Renbarger on March 27, 1954. She also died in the crash.

Surviving him are one son and daughter-in-law, Rory R. and Diana Walker of Waterloo; four daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and John Szablowski of Bakersfield, Calif., Tina and Steve Hood of Noblesville, Amy and Bill Buchs of Waterloo, and Molly and Dave Schuman of Corunna; two brothers, Earl Walker and Terry Walker, both of Waterloo, and 13 grandchildren.

One brother, Lynn Walker, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo, with Brian Wilcox officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Marvin and Phyllis Walker Agricultural Scholarship Fund, in care of Peoples Federal Savings Bank of Waterloo.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Doris I. Bechtold**, 71, died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday.

GRABILL — **Amos A. Graber**, 84, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the family home, 13031 Notestine Road, Grabill, with calling noon-9 p.m. today and Tuesday.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2001

James Komanec

SPENCERVILLE — James E. Komanec, 75, died Monday morning, Aug. 6, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Komanec retired from Indiana Michigan Electric Co. after 33 years of service. He was a 55-year member of American Legion Post 409 in Leo, and an honorary lifetime member of the St. Joe Athletic Club in Fort Wayne. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps.

He was born March 4, 1926, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Edward and Caroline (Ihlenfeld) Komanec.

He married Gloria L. Kling on May 27, 1950, in Hicksville, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Dale E. Komanec of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janette and Michael Blomeke of Ashley, and Cynthia and Randy Sweet of Hicksville; and 11 grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

James Parsons

ANGOLA — James F. Parsons, 47, of Angola, died Sunday, Aug. 5, 2001, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Parsons lived in Angola for three years after moving from Muncie. He had worked at the Muncie Star Press and was distribution manager for the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette for three years. He also served as a district manager for The Evening Star.

He was a member of the Moose and Elks lodges in Angola and Muncie and American Legion Post 19 and the Eagles lodge in Muncie.

He was born in Marion on Sept. 12, 1953, to James William and Hester N. (Jullian) Parsons.

Surviving are a son, James Corwin of Angola; two daughters, Kristi Wright of Angola and Lucritia Corbin of Muncie; three brothers, Daryl and Nick Parsons and Michael Roderick, all of Muncie; six sisters, Pam Williams, Kitty Shopher, Diane Lawhorn, Toni Regans, Jackie McIntire and Lori Parsons, all of Muncie; and a grandchild.

Services will be private. Burial will be in Elm Ridge Cemetery in Muncie.

Memorials are to the family of Kristi Wright, P.O. Box 492, Angola, IN 46703.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola was in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **William Charles Schaeffer**, 80, died Monday at Life Care Center of LaGrange. Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Church. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with a rosary said Wednesday at 8 p.m.

ALBION — **Jason Edward Webster**, 29, died Sunday at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home. Graveside services are 10 a.m. Monday at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

CHURUBUSCO — **Mary Margaret "Grandma" Gick**, 85, died Monday at home. Funeral Mass is 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Lafayette. Calling is 3-9 p.m. Wednesday at Hahn Funeral Home, Lafayette.

SYRACUSE — **John R. "Jack" Oswald**, 82, died Sunday at Orlando Regional South Seminole Hospital, Orlando, Fla. Services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

James Shoup

PLEASANT LAKE — James A. Shoup, 64, of Pleasant Lake, died Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2001, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Shoup was a group leader at Dometic in LaGrange, retiring in 1999. He was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church and volunteered as a crossing guard at Carlin Park Elementary School in Angola. He also served in the U.S. Navy.

He was born Nov. 1, 1936, in Branch County, Mich., to Cleo T. and Marcelia B. (Cleveland) Shoup. His mother survives in Zephyrhills, Fla.

On Aug. 9, 1991, he married Catherine M. Emrick, and his wife survives in Pleasant Lake.

Also surviving are three sons, Greg of Indianapolis, Keith of Chicago and Rick of Kendallville; three stepsons, Jeff Alexander of Hamilton, Brian Alexander of Fremont and Todd Alexander of New Haven; a daughter, Jaime Alexander of Columbus, Ohio; a brother, Ronald of Seattle; a sister, Bonnie Devlin of Independence, Kan.; and one grandchild.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Donald Meyers officiating. There will be no calling. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery in Hamilton.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Heart Association.

Donald Galligher Jr.

AUBURN — Donald W. Galligher Jr., 48, died Monday, Aug. 6, 2001, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Galligher

Mr. Galligher was a machinist with Rods of Indiana for three years. He lived in Auburn and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn. He was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was born Aug. 9, 1952, in Fort Wayne to Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Galligher Sr. They survive in Auburn.

He married Aurora Sustaita on Dec. 7, 1996, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Donald W. Galligher III of Fort Wayne; two stepchildren, Angel Hamilton of Angola and Elijah Dru of Auburn; five brothers, James L. Galligher of Idaho, David L. Galligher and Danny J. Galligher, both of Auburn, and Jeffrey L. Galligher and Gary W. Galligher, both of Waterloo; one sister, Cyndy Ferlow of Rome City; four nieces and six nephews.

One niece, Jenny Galligher, preceded him in death in November 1985.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling there after 9 a.m.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the family or a charity of the donor's choice.

Shirley Osborn

AUBURN — Shirley Ann Osborn, 58, died Monday, Aug. 6, 2001, at 1:15 p.m. in her Auburn home.

She formerly worked for Keltsch Pharmacy in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 5, 1943, in Fort Wayne. Her mother, Margret Thomas-Brown, preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons, John D. Osborn of Chandler, Ariz., Rick A. Osborn of Auburn and Rodney C. Osborn of Derby, Kan.; one brother, Donald Thomas of Hartford City; two aunts, Jean Edge of Iowa and Lillian Gray of Michigan; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling from 2 p.m. until the service begins.

Memorials are to the Arthritis Foundation.

Area Deaths

BROWNSBURG — **Leland J. Cass**, 78, died July 18 at home in Brownsburg. Services were July 21 at Washington Park North Mortuary, Indianapolis.

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Margaret Renkenberger

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret Rolene Renkenberger, 79, died at 5 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2001, at her son's home in Avilla.

She managed a gravel business and was a homemaker.

She was born July 8, 1922, in Steuben County to William D. and Margaret (Barrows) Anderson. On Aug. 31, 1940, in Avilla, she married Earl Thomas Renkenberger, who preceded her in death in 1979.

A grandson, Timothy Reed, and a sister, Ethelyn Herendeen, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sue Anne and John Reed of Wolcottville and Jan Lynne and Jerry DeLong of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John Mac and Carol Renkenberger of Avilla and Daniel Thomas Renkenberger of Kendallville; two brothers, Richard Anderson of Angola and Gerald Anderson of South Milford; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Graveside services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Arrangements are by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Area Deaths

AVILLA — **Vernon "Vernie" Kemerly**, 75, died Tuesday at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with calling 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday and 10-11 a.m.

A. George VanAnda

Oldsmar, Fla.

A. George VanAnda, 73, of Oldsmar, Fla., and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Aug. 4, 2001, at Mease Countryside Hospital in Safety Harbor.

The Garrett, Ind., native retired in 1994 from Kruse Hardware as a traveling salesman after eight years of service and had begun working at Schlatter Hardware in Fort Wayne at age 14. He was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Surviving are his wife, Jean; sons Dan of Highland, Mich., and Steve of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Deb Richardville of Fort Wayne; a brother, Robert of Fort Wayne; a sister, Barbara Strong of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother. Services are 11 a.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Information provided by D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, 426-9494.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2001

Betty Page

LAGRANGE — Betty M. Page, 79, died at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a secretary for 18 years at Northhighlands Church of Christ, Fort Wayne. She lived most of her life in Fort Wayne, moving to Sun City, Ariz., in 1980 and to LaGrange in 1998. She was a member at Broadway Christian Church, Fort Wayne. For 15 years she volunteered at Boswell Hospital, Sun City.

She was born Dec. 20, 1921, in Fort Wayne to Claude and Helen (Inman) Vredenburg. On Jan. 1, 1942, in Fort Wayne. She married Eldon H. Page, who preceded her in death, March 14, 1996.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Nancy and Daniel Hedges of LaGrange and Carol McClure of Fort Wayne; a son, Thomas L. Page of Colorado Springs, Colo.; six sisters, Margaret Klopfenstein of West Unity, Ohio, Dorothy Grigg, Rita Reed and Marguerite Norris, all of Sun City, Donna Romanowski of Glendale, Ariz., and Patricia Galean of Tucson, Ariz.; a brother, Robert Vredenburg of Grabill; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Broadway Christian Church with the Rev. Robert Yawburg officiating. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Broadway Christian Church, Fort Wayne, or Lake James Christian Assembly, Angola.

Arrangements are by Fruip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Paul M. Winebrenner**, 80, died Wednesday. No services or calling.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2001

Robert Wahlig

ANGOLA — Robert N. Wahlig, 82, of Angola, formerly of Leo, died Thursday, Aug. 9, 2001, at Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

On Oct. 3, 1918, in Miami County, he was born to Charles and Ruth (Flenner) Wahlig. He married Cleo Favorite in Angola on Feb. 14, 1942. She survives.

He was a teacher and principal at Leo Elementary School in Leo before retiring.

Mr. Wahlig was a U.S. Army veteran, a member of the Leo United Methodist Church, Leo, and the Jack Brinker American Legion Post 409 in Leo.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Steve Wahlig of Angola; a daughter, Cindy Givens of Hamilton; and three grandchildren, Brady and Britney Givens and Taylor Wahlig.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and a sister.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Leo United Methodist Church with Pastor Dean Brindel officiating.

Military graveside services will be at Leo Memorial Cemetery, Leo.

Calling is 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church prior to the funeral services.

Memorials are to Leo United Methodist Church, 13527 Leo Road, Leo 46742.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2001

Rosa Reinhart

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Rosa M. Reinhart, 78, died Friday, Aug. 10, 2001, at Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Reinhart was a homemaker and a member of the Logan United Methodist Church.

She was born April 15, 1923, in Milford Township, Defiance County, Ohio, to David and Emma (Worthington) Bell.

She married James Reinhart on April 12, 1941, in Defiance, Ohio. He survives

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Doris and John Peak of Bryan, Ohio, and Janice Blaker of Butler; two sons, Kenneth of Sherwood, Ohio, and Ronald of Defiance, Ohio; 18 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Willis; eight brothers, Albert, Merton, Delbert, Ward, Clarence, George, Glen and Roscoe; and three sisters, Caroline Bice, Hazel Bell and Esther Husted.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home at Hicksville. Donald Foust will officiate. Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is Monday after 1 p.m. and Tuesday after 7 a.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heart Fund.

Paul Post

AUBURN — Paul F. Post, 72, died Friday, Aug. 10, 2001, at 4:55 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Post

Mr. Post served as election director for Mohave County in Kingman, Ariz., from 1985 until his retirement in 1995. He was the DeKalb County Clerk from 1976-1984, and was a former president of the state clerks association.

He was a former member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, serving on its building committee in 1970-1971. He was a member and past president of the Auburn Lions Club and a member and past president of Auburn Little League. He was a former employee of Foley Pattern, Farm Bureau Co-op and the Gamble store, all in Auburn.

He was born July 26, 1929, in Grove Hill, Ohio to Paul E. and Sadie A. (Franklin) Post.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Nicki Post of Auburn; a sister, Denise A. Jordan of Auburn; two brothers, Dennis Post and Dana Post, both of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Addie Morris and Briton Post.

A stepmother, Ruth Post, and a son, Mark Post, preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Clare Jewell will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana, 911 E. 86th St., Suite 100, Indianapolis IN 46240, or Lakewood Park Christian School Athletic Department, 5555 C.R. 29, Auburn IN 46706.

Everette Smith

FORT WAYNE — Everette E. Smith, 71, died Saturday at Parkview Memorial Hospital here.

Born in Jackson, Ky., he was a musician, Korean War Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 157, Churubusco.

Surviving are his wife, Florence; a son, Everette E. Jr., Fort Wayne; three brothers, Louis A. Smith of Brooksville, Fla., J.C. Smith of St. Petersburg, Fla., and John Lucas of Kendallville; four grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2001

Elbert Chittenden

GARRETT — Elbert Hugh Chittenden, 68, died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2001, at 2:30 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mr. Chittenden

Mr. Chittenden worked in paint repair. He lived in Garrett his entire life and was a member of the Garrett Masonic Lodge and the Garrett post of the American Legion.

He was born Aug. 16, 1932, in DeKalb County to John A. and Lenora M. (Witt) Chittenden. His mother survives in Auburn.

He married Dorthea Berkes on June 11, 1960, in Fort Wayne. She preceded him in death.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Kimberly and Mitch Kessler of Auburn, Tammy Johnson of Garrett, and Sandra and Calvin Stevens of Garrett; one son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Nancy Chittenden of Garrett; one brother, Donald Chittenden of Auburn; one sister, Dora Chittenden of Garrett; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Kerry Chittenden; two sisters, Virginia M. Chittenden and Peggy Joyce Chittenden; one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Pastor Paul Butler officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with military graveside services.

Calling is Tuesday from noon-2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. A Masonic service will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice or Miller's Merry Manor.

Wayne Cosper

HAMILTON — Wayne M. Cosper, 78, died Saturday, Aug. 11, 2001, in Cameron Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Cosper had been a farmer and seed corn salesman for 36 years. He was a Steuben County Councilman for 30 years and president of the Hamilton Cemetery board for many years. He was a past board member of the Angola State Bank and Norwest Bank. He lived in Hamilton.

He was a member of Edon United Methodist Church, Music Box Society, Band Organs Association, Midwest Tool Collectors, Vintage Chevrolet Club of America and Corn Items Collectors.

Mr. Cosper served as grand marshal of the Hamilton parade for two years. He played Santa Claus for children in the tri-state area for many years. He was active in wetland conservation, planting thousands of trees.

He was born July 14, 1923, in Otsego Township, Steuben County, to Harley W. and Ruth (Mountain) Cosper. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Wandalee Headley on Sept. 6, 1953, and she survives.

Also surviving him are three sisters, Edith M. Kunkle of Fairfax, Va., Hazel V. Willibey of Sardinia, Ohio, and Thelma R. Gates of Argos; four nephews, three nieces, 20 great-nieces and great-nephews, and many great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Edon United Methodist Church in Edon, Ohio, with the Rev. Eric Kramer officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Cemetery Fund, in care of the Steuben County Community Foundation or the Edon United Methodist Church.

Robert Diehl

KENDALLVILLE — Robert W. Diehl, 76, died at 2:16 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Diehl

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy in World War II, serving as a cook third class on the U.S.S. Wharton AP7. He was a retired crane operator for Levin & Sons Scrapyards. After retirement he worked part-time at A-1 Production Inc., Kendallville. He was a member of American Legion Post 86, Kendallville; Veterans of Foreign Wars 2749, Kendallville; and Elks Lodge 1194, Kendallville. He was past president of the U.S.S. Wharton Reunion Committee.

He was born Sept. 28, 1924, in Westwood, Calif., to Gus and Zelda (Lockhart) Diehl. On Dec. 24, 1945, in Kendallville, he married Betty L. Leighty, who survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Terry Jones of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Vickie Diehl of Kendallville; a brother, Richard Diehl of Spokane, Wash.; three granddaughters, Jenny Jones of Garrett, Tammy Niccum and her husband, Mike Niccum, of Huntertown, and Jacelyn Hamblin and her husband, Kent Hamblin, of Kendallville; four grandsons, Jason, Joseph, Jeremy and Justin Diehl, all of Kendallville; and four great-grandchildren.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Evening Star, Thur., Aug. 13, 2001 (cont'd)

Mildred DePew

GARRETT — Mildred "Millie" I. DePew, 75, died Friday, Aug. 10, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

The 35-year resident of Garrett was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and a VFW Auxiliary Past District Commander.

Mrs. DePew

She was born July 10, 1926, in LaOtto to Fred A. and Gertrude (Neible) Smith. She married Earl DePew on Jan. 21, 1947, in South Milford. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Coleen and Mick Steward of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph and Linda DePew of Kendallville and Brian and Betsy DePew of Garrett; a brother, Clarence "Pete" Smith of Lady Lake, Fla.; a sister and sister-in-law, Evelyn and Richard Simanton of Auburn; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A brother, Paul Smith, and three sisters, Geraldine Palmer, Orphelia Link and Patricia Kennedy, preceded her in death.

Services are Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett High School athletic department or Corunna Community Church.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2001

Shirley Lund

FORT WAYNE — Shirley E. Lund, 50, died Monday, Aug. 13, 2001, at noon at her home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lund owned and operated the Glass Rainbow in LaPorte.

She was born Sept. 29, 1950, in Chicago to Harry and Elaine (Grundman) Guest. They preceded her in death.

She married Gilbert B. Lund on June 6, 1970, in Chicago. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Timothy Lund of Auburn; two daughters, Betheney Lund of Angola and Nancy Zach of Whitehall, Mich.; two brothers, Warren Guest of Oregon and George Guest of Nevada; a sister, Diane Rice of New Hampshire; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Cutler Funeral Home at LaPorte. Burial will be in Pine Lake Cemetery at LaPorte.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Beverly Peppler

HOWE — Beverly Jean Peppler, 62, died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2001, at 8 a.m. in her Howe residence.

Mrs. Peppler was a bookkeeper and Release Time Bible teacher in Steuben County.

She was born Nov. 28, 1938, in Croswell, Mich., to the Rev. Willis Lechleidner and M. Louise (Campbell) Lechleidner.

She married Gary Peppler on Aug. 31, 1957, in Fort Wayne, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathleen and Toney Holton of Howe, and Connie and Dale Beckwith, also of Howe; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gordy and Jamie Peppler of Angola, and Steve and Kelly Peppler of Scottsboro, Ala.; her stepfather, the Rev. Carlyle Seiple of Huntington; and eight grandchildren.

One granddaughter, Jessica Holton, preceded her in death in 1992.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe, with the Rev. C.W. McKinley officiating. A second service will be held Wednesday at noon in Mount Pleasant United Brethren Church in Metz. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery at Metz.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Howe United Methodist Church.

Benjamin Schlatter

BUTLER — Benjamin A. Schlatter, 86, died Monday, Aug. 13, 2001, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

He was a retired Butler farmer and a member of County Line Church of God.

Mr. Schlatter was born May 13, 1915, in Woodburn.

Surviving are two brothers, Kenneth of Forest, Ohio, and James of California; and two sisters, Emma Gilder of Talent, Ore., and Grace Deorbets of Forest, Ohio.

Two sisters and one brother preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Schlatter Cemetery, with Pastor Bob Herman officiating.

Carnahan-Baidinger and Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, is in charge of arrangements.

Evening Star, Tues., Aug. 14, 2001 (cont'd)

Phineas Heckman

SEMINOLE, Fla. — Phineas L. "Bill" Heckman, 74, died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2001, at his home under the care of the Hospice of the Florida Suncoast.

Mr. Heckman was retired from 28 years of service at Coldwater Rendering in Coldwater, Mich., and 13 years at Plyworld in St. Petersburg, Fla.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in 1945 and 1946.

In the 1950s and 1960s, he built stock cars. He enjoyed NASCAR racing and Dale Earnhardt. He also enjoyed golfing in Florida and doing handyman jobs in the neighborhood. He assisted his neighbors with shopping and doctor appointments.

He was born Feb. 13, 1927, in Albion, Mich., to Merritt S. and Helen M. (Adams) Heckman.

He married his wife, Carol Ann, on Aug. 9, 1946, in Asheville, N.C., and she survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Linda L. and Steven McNitt of Coldwater, Laura L. and Gene Graves of Pleasant Lake, Toni and Mark Dalchow of Coldwater, and Patricia A. and Thomas Ludwick of Seminole, Fla.; three sisters, Betty Hennesey of Englewood, Fla., and Barbara Poley and Joan Jasper, both of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. (Indiana time) at Moss-Feaster Funeral Home, Largo, Fla. Inurnment will be Friday at Baypines VA Cemetery in Baypines, Fla.

Mildred McDaniel

GARRETT — Mildred M. McDaniel, 84, died Monday, Aug. 13, 2001, at 4:53 p.m. in the Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallvillle.

Mrs. McDaniel was a lifetime resident of Garrett. She was employed as the secretary-treasurer for Haffner Corp.

She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett for more than 75 years. She also was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Business and Professional Women, Home Demonstration Club and Order of Eastern Star.

She was born Nov., 28, 1916, at Garrett to Martin L. and Cletus (Beber) MIller.

She married Dwight D. McDaniel on July 14, 1945, in Auburn. He died Oct. 11, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Joseph DePew of Kendallville and Debra and Richard Bylsma of Middlebury; a sister, Marcella McKinley of Mesa, Ariz.; two granddaughters, Julie DePew of Charlotte, N.C., and Jeni Deuitch of Garrett; three grandsons, Doug DePew of Hamilton, and Andrew and Michael Bylsma, both of Middlebury; a great-grandson, Lucas Deuitch of Garrett; and a great-granddaughter, Lauren Deuitch of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Martin E. Miller, and a sister, Evelyn Baker.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Lloyd Mealer will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 10:30-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the mission fund at the Goshen Christian Church or to the Corunna Community Church.

Berniece Graham

GARRETT — Berniece L. Graham, 79, died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2001, at 8:25 p.m. in Carlin Park Nursing Home, Angola.

Mrs. Graham

Mrs. Graham was a homemaker and a lifetime Garrett resident before moving to Angola two years ago. She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

She was born Sept. 5, 1921, in Avilla to Albert and Emma (Wolfe) Diehm.

She married Richard P. Graham Sr. on April 13, 1940, in Bryan, Ohio. He died in 1998.

Surviving her are three sons, Donald Graham of Pleasant Lake, Richard P. Graham Jr. of Waterloo, and Ricky Graham of Angola; one daughter, Sharon Weaver of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Eldon Diehm of Avilla and Freeman Diehm of Kendallville; one sister, Clara Hanes of Kendallville; 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Norman Diehm, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett. The Rev. Herbert Schumm will officiate. Burial will be in Avilla Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Evening Star, Tues, Aug 14, 2001 (cont'd)

Kenneth Leas

KENDALLVILLE — Kenneth E. Leas, 65, died at 1:10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 13, 2001, at home in Kendallville.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in the Korean War. The member of the Assembly of God Church, Kendallville, was an avid fisherman.

He was born Oct. 24, 1935, in LaGrange County to Earl and Bertha (Forker) Leas. On Aug. 27, 1965, in Angola, he married Martha Jane Collins, who survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Randy Leas of Kendallville and Earl and Stacey Leas of Auburn; four daughters and sons-in-law, Tena and Kerry Ernsberger of Avilla, Lori and Tim Brandon of LaOtto, Penny and Greg Silberg of Auburn and Jane and Mike Burnside of Manton, Mich.; three sisters, Betty Freed of LaGrange, Wanda Roberts of Petal, Miss., and Shirley Lawrence of Coldwater, Mich.; two stepsisters, Vivian Heltzel of Rome City and Isbell Lattea of Youngstown, Ohio, 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Tammy, preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Assembly of God Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Zackary Rainey officiating. Burial will be at Brushey Prairie Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, and 10-11 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the church or the American Cancer Society.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Kenneth W. Aller**, 75, died Monday at Aurora Manor Nursing Home, Aurora, Ill. Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with calling 9-11 a.m.

TOPEKA — **Bill E. Brower**, 79, died Saturday at the Fort Wayne Veterans Administration Medical Center. Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today.

SYRACUSE — **Ethel B. Hite**, 92, died Sunday at Kingston Health Care, Ligonier. Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

SYRACUSE — **Dan Gladieux**, 50, died Sunday at home. Memorials services are 5 p.m. today at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Milford, with calling 4-5 p.m. today.

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Dale Fry

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Dale A. Fry, 61, died Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2001, at 9:07 a.m. at his Hicksville home. He had been ill for over one year.

Mr. Fry worked at Uniroyal Goodrich Tire Manufacturing Co. in Woodburn for 39 years. He graduated from Hicksville High School in 1957.

He was born Sept. 22, 1939, in Milford Township, Defiance County, Ohio, to Ruben and Clela (Green) Fry.

He married Sharon Carr on Feb. 16, 1962, in Antwerp, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving him are one son, David Fry of Antwerp; two daughters, Annette Langmeyer of Payne, Ohio, and Cheryl Rhonehouse of Antwerp; two brothers, Virgil Fry of Indianapolis and Richard Fry of Woodburn; two sisters, Vivian Strabele of Fostoria, Ohio, and Kathryn Hissong of Florida; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Debra Lynn; one son, Gregory Allen; three brothers, Paul, Robert and Donald; and two sisters, Dorothy Haver and Opal West.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Pastor Willie L. Stevens will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is Thursday after 1 p.m. and Friday after 8 a.m. (Indiana time)s in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Paulding County Hospice.

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Timothy Dinkins

LAGRANGE — Timothy Paul Dinkins, 31, died at 4:30 p.m. Monday at home in rural LaGrange.

The 1989 graduate of Lakeland High School worked for the past seven years at McDonald's Restaurant, LaGrange.

He was born March 14, 1970, in LaGrange to Dorothy Kay Dinkins, who survives as Dorothy Kay Wilkinson with his stepfather, Donald Wilkinson, in LaGrange.

Also surviving are his maternal grandmother and her husband, Barbara and Max McDonald of LaGrange; his maternal grandfather, Jesse Dinkins of Fort Wayne; two stepsisters, Christine Wilcox of Fremont and Lisa Wilkinson of Kalamazoo, Mich., and three stepbrothers, Greg Wilkinson of Shipshewana, Jeffery Wilkinson of Mountain Home, Idaho, and Brian Wilkinson of Mottville, Mich.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at LaGrange Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Eugene Sommers officiating. Burial will be at Lake Bethel Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the church.

Evening Star, Wed., Aug. 15, 2001 (cont'd)

Jerry Saltsman

RUSSELLVILLE, S.C. — Jerry D. Saltsman, 67, died Monday, Aug. 6, 2001, at his Russellville home in Berkeley County.

Mr. Saltsman was an evangelist for the Russellville Christian Church. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1956.

He was a former Auburn-area resident.

He was born March 23, 1934, in Boswell, Ind., to James and Nancy Iola Saltsman. His mother survives and his father is deceased.

Also surviving are his wife, Evadne Saltsman; three daughters, Sara Benscoter of Castle Creek, N.Y., Sally Leach of Milford, Ohio, and Sandra Nack of Cincinnati, Ohio; three sons, Scott Saltsman of Wabash, Steven Saltsman of Peru and WO1 Shawn Saltsman of Fort Hood, Texas; three sisters, Norman Reed of Greenfield, Nancy Waters of Wabash and JoEllen Carnes of Johnston, Iowa; and 26 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles "Chuck" Saltsman and Norman Dale Saltsman, and one grandchild.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. in the Church of Christ at Treaty of Wabash, with Scott Saltsman as the preaching minister.

Services also were held Aug. 12 in Russellville Christian Church.

Memorials are to Bible College Scholarship Fund, in care of Russellville Christian Church, P.O. Box. 97, Russellville SC 29477.

Jeffray Waters of Walker Funeral Home in Mebane, S.C., is in charge of arrangements.

Larry Powers

PLANO, Texas — Larry Powers, 50, died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2001, at Medical Center of Plano, Texas.

The Port Huron, Mich., native formerly lived in Fort Wayne. He was an engineer with GTE for 28 years and had worked at Alcatel USA, Plano.

Surviving are his wife, Karen Powers; a daughter, Echo Westlake of Battle Creek, Mich.; a stepson, Rob Osenbaugh of South Whitley; his mother, Margaret Powers of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Michael Powers of Hudson, John Powers of Kendallville and Greg Powers of Hendersonville, Tenn.; seven sisters, Theresa Arnold of Lakewood, Colo., Elizabeth Powers of Minneapolis, Minn., Ann Powers of Indianapolis and Marie Stephenson and Kathleen, JoAnn and Eva Powers, all of Fort Wayne; his grandmother, Mary Powers of Monroe, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Parkview Radiation Oncology.

Area Deaths

PENSACOLA, Fla. — **Mark W. Gipson**, 44, died Saturday at home. Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with calling 6-9 p.m. Friday.

KENDALLVILLE — **Gladys Gardner** died July 27. Memorial services are 10 a.m. Friday at Swiss Village Retirement Community, Berne, and 2:30 p.m. Friday at Faith United Methodist Church.

PENDLETON — **Walter L. Williamson**, 88, died Monday at Rawlins House, Pendleton. Services are 2 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling 1-2 p.m.

Granville L. "Ty" Balliet

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Fort Wayne

Granville L. "Ty" Balliet, 78, of Fort Wayne, past owner/operator of Balliet Sinclair Service at White Swan, died Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2001, at Parkview Hospital.

"He enjoyed his grandchildren, gardening and fishing."

The DeKalb County native retired in 1985 from Holland Motor Express as a truck driver after 22 years of service. He was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church, Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department, Allen County Police Reserves and a World War II Army Air Corps veteran. Surviving are sons Craig, Keith and Trent, all of Fort Wayne, and Gail of Huntertown; a brother, Eugene of Oak Harbor, Ohio; six grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and 10 step great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis M., on June 27. Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling one hour before services and also from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. Burial will be at Huntertown Cemetery, Huntertown. Memorials are to the church.

Information provided by D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, 426-9494.

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William LaCross

LAOTTO — William T. "Bill" LaCross, 69, died Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2001, at 12:22 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. LaCross was an electrician at Mossberg Industries for 20 years, retiring in 1997. He lived in rural LaOtto and was a LaOtto resident for 51 years.

He was a Korean Conflict veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving aboard the USS Yarnall. He was a member of American Legion Post 82 and the Korean War Veterans Association in Fort Wayne.

He was born Nov. 5, 1931, in Alma, Mich. His mother, Ruby Ober, survives in Kendallville and his father, Teodore J. LaCross, preceded him in death.

He married Kathryn Buckland on May 26, 1978, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Eleen Marks of Garrett; two stepdaughters, Rhonda Isham and Lori Beverly, both of Garrett; a stepson, James Murray of Cleveland, Ohio; one sister, Barbara LaCross of LaOtto; two grandsons, five granddaughters, one great-grandson and three great-granddaughters.

One brother, Robert LaCross, and his stepfather, Ralph Ober, also preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 5 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with calling after 2 p.m. The Rev. John Kinsey will officiate, with military honors at the conclusion of the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Eva Yoquelet

DEMING, N.M. — Eva "Eve" L. Yoquelet, 90, died Monday, Aug. 13, 2001, at her home in Deming, N.M.

Mrs. Yoquelet was a homemaker. She was a member of PEO, Deming Book Club, ITC Friends of the Library, Deming Chamber of Commerce and Luna County-Deming Museum Board. She also was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Deming.

She was a member of the New Mexico State University President's Board, Foundation Board and Business Council, Sigma Iota Epsilon Management Fraternity (honorary), Crimson Society and the Hiram Hadley Society at NMSU. She received the Branding Iron Award and an honorary doctorate of law degree from New Mexico State University.

Very active with NMSU and education, she was instrumental in creating the Glen E. Yoquelet Memorial Fellowships (a business graduate endowment), the Eve Yoquelet Presidents Associates Endowed Scholarship and the Eve Yoquelet Theater Endowed Scholarship.

She served as assistant treasurer, director and founding shareholder of American Plastic Toys Inc. in Walled Lake, Mich.

Mrs. Yoquelet was a former Auburn resident. She was born Jan. 10, 1911, in Woodburn to Julian and Clara (Coffelt) Sweet.

Her first husband, William G. Weinert, died in 1956. Her second husband, Glen Yoquelet, died in 1983.

Surviving are a daughter, Rita Jan Morton of Bryan, Ohio; a daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Ann "Sis" Weinert of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Janet McNaughton of San Isbel Island, Fla.; three grandchildren, Dean W. Weinert of Fort Wayne, Susan B. Holewinski of Indianapolis and Sandra K. Morton of Las Cruces, N.M.; five great-grandchildren, eight stepgrandchildren and 11 stepgreat-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by one son, William D. Weinert, in 2000, as well as two sisters and one brother.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Diane Barrett will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arnet Whitacre

SOUTH BEND — Arnet C. Whitacre, 92, died Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2001, at Fountain View Nursing Home in Mishawaka.

He retired from South Bend Controls in South Bend. He lived most of his life in South Bend and was a charter member of Grace Baptist Church.

Mr. Whitacre was born July 25, 1909, in Delong, Ind., to William and Elizabeth Whitacre.

He married Loa Seifer on Aug. 26, 1935. She died Sept. 7, 1997.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Jo and John Hall of South Bend, and Donna and Kenneth Boseker of Waterloo; two sons and one daughter-in-law, William and Mildred Whitacre of Union Mills, and Timothy Whitacre of South Bend; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Sharon, preceded him in death.

Services were held today at Forest G. Hay Funeral Home in South Bend. Burial was in Highland Cemetery, South Bend.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Helen Leona Trowl**, 93, died Wednesday at Life Care Center, LaGrange. Services are 4 p.m. today at Hutchins Funeral Home, S.R. 9, Wolcottville, with calling 3-4 p.m.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Raymond C. O'Neil**, 78, died Wednesday at Kingston Care Center, Fort Wayne. Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Christian Chapel Church, Merriam. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church.

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Maynard Holden

HUDSON — Maynard Holden, 93, died Thursday, Aug. 16, 2001, at 7:25 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Holden

Mr. Holden was a lifetime farmer and lived in rural Hudson for more than 60 years. He was a graduate of Pleasant Lake High School. He was a member of Salem Center Presbyterian Church, Farm Bureau and Alpha Farmers Club, all in Steuben County.

He was born Aug. 21, 1907, in Orange Township, Noble County, to Doyle and Flora (Grossman) Holden.

He married Florence Amerman on Dec. 6, 1924, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Darlene Holden of Hamilton, Keith and Lila Holden of Angola, and Carol and Ruth Holden of Corunna; one daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Robert Heller of LaGrange; one sister, Eva Emerson of LaGrange; 14 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

A brother preceded him in death.

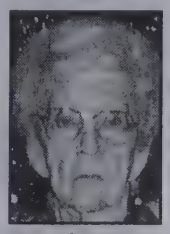
Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Salem Center Presbyterian Church with calling after 1 p.m. The Rev. Howard Compton will officiate. Burial will be in Block Cemetery, in rural Hudson.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Memorials are to the church.

Freedonna Smith

HUNTERTOWN — Freedonna M. Smith, 102, died at 6:05 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2001, at Kingston Care Center, Fort Wayne.


Mrs. Smith

The lifetime resident of the Huntertown community was its oldest living resident. A homemaker most of her life, as a young woman she worked at the Interurban ticket office in Huntertown. She later worked at Perfection Bakery and Frank's Department Store, both in Fort Wayne. She was a member of Huntertown United Methodist Church, Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136 and the Home Progress Club. She enjoyed fishing and playing cards.

She was born March 30, 1899, in Huntertown to Elmer H. and Zella I. (Hunter) Dunten. On April 19, 1924, in Huntertown she married Almon F. Smith, who preceded her in death May 4, 1984.

Also preceding her in death were three brothers, Donald, Elmer and Jean Dunten; three sisters, Bertha Sloffer, Bernice Dunten and Glen Schrock; and two great-grandchildren, Tammy Smith and James Martin Messmann.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Lewis F. and Betty Smith of Huntertown; a daughter and son-in-law, Mardell and James Messmann of Huntertown; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Road, with the Rev. Shem Long officiating. Interment will be at Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is 5-8 p.m. Saturday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, and 1-2 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the church or the Huntertown Volunteer Fire Department.

Emma Smith

ANGOLA — Emma Smith, 95, of Angola, died Thursday, Aug. 16, 2001, at Lakeland Nursing Home.

A homemaker, Mrs. Smith was born Nov. 5, 1905, in Manitowoc, Wis., to Frank and Mary (Cervanka) Pecinowsky.

She married Fletcher W. Smith. He preceded her in death in January 1986.

Surviving are a son, Kenneth Smith of Fremont; and two daughters, Vallie Brouwer of Fort Wayne and Martha Strahle of Franklin, Ohio.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Sunday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Community Foundation.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Wayne A. Wible**, 61, died Wednesday at home. Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with calling 2-8 p.m. Saturday. A Summit City Masonic Lodge 170 service at 4 p.m. Saturday and Elks Lodge services at 6 p.m. Saturday.

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Earl Ginder

BUTLER — Earl V. Ginder, 89, died Thursday, Aug. 16, 2001.

He worked as a machinist at different places throughout his life, but most recently worked at the Towne Hardware in Butler.

Mr. Ginder was born April 14, 1912, in Butler to Frank and Goldie (Harter) Ginder.

He married Glendolene B. Spires on June 27, 1931, in Defiance, Ohio, and she died Aug. 5, 1997.

Surviving him are three sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Brenda Ginder of Cromwell, Philip and Carol Ginder of Huntertown, and Dennis and Pam Ginder of Leo-Cedarville; two daughters and one son-in-law, Marilyn Yoder of Fort Wayne, and Carol and Howard Krontz of Kendallville; one brother, Robert Ginder of Butler; two sisters, Lois Fry of Alamo, Texas, and Mayola Walter of Butler; a good friend, Ruth Spencer; 22 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Tony Brooks and the Rev. Duane Ginder officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, rural Butler.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, Butler.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Bill Slone Jr.**, 54, died Friday at 8:40 a.m. Services Monday at 11 a.m. in Trinity Assembly of God Church in Ligonier. Calling Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

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Wayne Case Jr.

ST. JOE — Wayne Corwin Case Jr., 49, of St. Joe died Friday, Aug. 17, 2001, in Angola.

He was a heavy equipment maintenance worker for the city of Toledo, Ohio. He was an Army veteran and received the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal W/60 Device, Vietnam Counteroffensive.

Mr. Case was born June 8, 1952, in Toledo to Loraine (Wienand) and Wayne Corwin Sr. His mother survives in St. Joe. On Dec. 9, 1991, he married Virginia Wheeler. She survives in St. Joe.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael Doss of Toledo and Stephan Case of St. Joe; three daughters, Rendra Case of South Milford, and Andrea McClannahan and Melissa, both of Oak Harbor, Ohio; two brothers, David Case of St. Joe and Michael Case of Oak Harbor; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Gladys Sidel

FREMONT — Gladys C. Sidel, 93, of Fremont died Friday, Aug. 17, 2001, at Courtland Health & Rehab Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sidel was a homemaker. She was a member of Fremont United Methodist Church where she served as treasurer and was active in many church groups.

She was born March 14, 1908, in LaOtto to Sherman and Minnie (Harrold) Hoot. On July 9, 1931, she married Wayne B. Sidel, in Fremont. He died on Oct. 21, 1975.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sheila and David Schimmele of Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Alan and Jerri Sidel of Fort Wayne; a brother, Donald "Bud" Hoot of Montgomery, Mich.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Jeffrey Schimmele; a brother; and two sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Gail Olds

LAGRANGE — Gail E. Olds, 95, of LaGrange died at 1:25 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Olds was a teacher and a homemaker. She moved to LaGrange in 1927 from North Manchester. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in LaGrange and the WSCS of the church, Martha Circle and the WCTU of the church, the War Mothers Club, the Bayview Club, and the Bloomfield Township Homemakers Club.

She was born Jan. 30, 1906, in Banquo to Ben and Sallie (Skinner) Stephens. On Nov. 26, 1931, she married Frank B. Olds in Banquo. He died on Sept. 25, 1956.

Surviving are two sons and daughtes-in-law, James and Rochelle Olds of LaGrange and Richard and Nancy Olds of Portage, Mich.; a sister, Pauline Hedrick of Huntington; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Two sisters and a brother preceded her in death.

Services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials to First United Methodist Church.

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Thelma Leas

ASHLEY — Thelma B. Leas, 83, of rural Ashley died at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, 2001, at Laurels of Butler in Butler.

Mrs. Leas was a homemaker and Bible scholar. She had worked at the Ashley canning factory, Green Parrot restaurant in Waterloo, White's Supermarket in Auburn and was a pie chef at Lincoln Life in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Leas

She was born Nov. 25, 1917, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, to Orville and Elizabeth (Conrad) Westbrook. Her husband, Eugene Leas, died in 1986.

Mrs. Leas was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ in Ashley, the St. John's Ladies Guild, the Jolly James, the Symposium Club, Fairfield Friendship Club and the Fairfield Home Extension Club.

Surviving are three sons, Norman Leas of Fort Wayne, David Leas of Greensburg, and Mark Leas of Dothan, Ala.; four daughters, Carole Wilhelm of Waterloo, Linda Snider of Hicksville, Ohio, Sandra Shuman of Ashley and Kathy Hamm of Alexandria; 17 grandchildren, Kim and Terry Nusbaum, Kris and Roxanne Myers, Kirk Myers, Tim and Jackie Snider, Rachel Wenman, Matt and Jennifer Snider, Elizabeth and Paul Evans, Amy and Mike Douglas, Michelle and Henry Olguin, Greg Shuman, Brian Shuman, Jeremy Shuman, Mary and Dan Whetstine, Tony Carunchia, Warren Leas, Mollye Leas and Stephanie Leas; three stepgrandchildren, Herschel and Sue Wilhelm, Tom and Teresa Wilhelm and Jeff and Tracy Wilhem; 14 great-grandchildren and eight stepgreat-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Glenn Westbrook; two grandchildren, Jeff Shuman and Lana Leas; two stepsisters and a stepbrother.

Services will be at 11 a.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ with the Rev. John Kabes officiating.

Calling is 3-8 p.m. today at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, and one hour before services at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Nelson Snell

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Nelson R. Snell, 82, died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2001, at his home, 1331 N. Dixie Downs Road, No. 27, St. George, UT 84770.

Mr. Snell was born Feb. 14, 1919, in Avilla, Ind., to Virgil and Anna Snell. He married his childhood sweetheart, Geraldine "Toots" Keck, May 1, 1941.

Mr. Snell

He was a co-owner of the Avilla Feed Mills Inc. for 20 years. Moving to Mesa, Ariz., in the early 1960s, he worked for the Mesa school systems as grounds foreman until his retirement. He and his wife later moved to St. George to be near their daughter and her family.

Mr. Snell was a member of the Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Geraldine; two daughters; Connie Mosier of Leo, Ind., and Juanita DeHeck of St. George, Utah; a son, Keith Snell of Fort Wayne, Ind., seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one sister, Daisy Kuglar of Garrett, Ind.

Visitation is today, from 6:30-8 p.m. at Metcalf Mortuary, 300 W. St. George Blvd. Graveside funeral services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at the Tonaquint Cemetery, under the direction of Metcalf Mortuary.

Edyth Courtright

HUDSON — Edyth E. Courtright, 91, of Hudson died Friday, Aug. 17, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a former J.C. Penney's sales associate having retired in 1973.

Mrs. Courtright was a member of the Salem Center Presbyterian Church where she retired as the choir director after 42 years, the Ladies Aide of the church, Salem Study Club, Lamplighters Homemakers Club, Birthday Club and the Elite Club.

She was born June 18, 1910, in Flint in Steuben County to Perry and Edna Pearle (Miller) Waite. On Jan. 31, 1931, she married Dick Courtright. He died on March 7, 1984.

Surviving are a son, Richard Lee Courtright of Hudson; a daughter, Donna Lou Allen of Pleasant Lake; a brother, Vernon J. Waite of Angola; seven grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Lorin Waite, and a sister, Birdella Pearl Brown.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Salem Center Presbyterian Church.

Area Deaths

WOODBURN — **Sharon A. Huff,** 58, of Woodburn, died Friday at Parkview Hospital. Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Trinity English Lutheran Church, 405 West Wayne Street. Calling today 2-5 p.m. at Klaehn and Melton Funeral Home.

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Christine Lechleidner

ST. JOE — Christine Lechleidner, 40, of St. Joe, died Thursday, Aug. 16, 2001, at 10:44 a.m. in a traffic accident south of Butler.

Mrs. Lechleidner was a homemaker.

She was born Nov. 19, 1960, in Paulding, Ohio, to Francis and Bonnie (Mettert) Coughlin. They survive in Antwerp, Ohio.

She married Kirk Lechleidner on Aug. 29, 1992 in Butler, and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Dereck and Matthew Lechleidner, both at home, and Michael Lucas of Defiance, Ohio; four sisters, Deborah Corwin of Woodburn, Linda Coughlin of Auburn, Judy McCalla of Dallas, Texas, and Amy Wilhelm of Paulding, Ohio; two brothers, Dennis Coughlin and James Coughlin, both of Antwerp; her mother-in-law, Sandy Lechleidner of Butler; and two sisters-in-law, Angie Lechleidner of Decatur and Melisa Warner of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Mettert and Mr. and Mrs. William Coughlin, and her father-in-law, Shurl Lechleidner..

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Coburn Corners Church of Christ with Pastor Dennis Leinbach officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler.

Memorials are to the Lechleidner Memorial Fund in care of Tec Hackett Inc., P.O. Box 8830, Fort Wayne IN 46898-8830.

George McIntyre

STROH — George D. McIntyre, 75, died at 4:40 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, 2001, at Select Specialty Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The former Fort Wayne resident was retired from Industrial Engineering, Fort Wayne. He was in the National Guard and a member of Independent Full Gospel Church, Ashley.

Mr. McIntyre

He was born April 5, 1926, in Rusk, Texas, to George W. and Lillie May (Russell) McIntyre. On Sept. 3, 1982, in Fort Wayne, he married Jacqueline "Jackie" Rich, who survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Roger D. McIntyre of Texas, Thomas V. McIntyre of Jacksonville, Texas, Eric McIntyre at home, and Rodney A. Daler of Garrett; seven daughters, Georgia D. Summorow of Houston, Texas, Sharon E. Adams of Frankston, Texas, Brenda Henderson of Jacksonville, Jacqueline S. McIntyre at home, Virgina S. Daler and Sonya L. Combs, both of Angola, and Robin R. Navarez of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Louis E. Duck Jr. of LaGrange and Gary E. Duck of Pell City, Ala.; two brothers, G.W. McIntyre of Houston and Dennis Ray McIntyre of Rusk; a sister, June E. Rudean of Houston; several grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Services are 1 p.m. Thursday at Independent Full Gospel Church, Ashley, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be at Wright Cemetery, rural Hudson.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Memorials are to the family.

Martha Mendenhall

ANGOLA — Martha Mae Mendenhall, 99, died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2001, at 8:35 p.m. in Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

Mrs. Mendenhall was a homemaker and helped with dairy farming. She also worked at Bledsoe's Beach for 30 years.

She was born March 18, 1902, in Bluffton to Charles and Minnie (Falk) Aker.

She married Ivy Mendenhall, who died in 1982.

Surviving her are one son, Harold Mendenhall of West Palm Beach, Fla.; one brother, Russell Aker of Coldwater, Mich.; one sister, Jeanetta Aker of Angola; six grandchildren, Roger Mendenhall of Angola, Doug Mendenhall of Fremont, Candy Haylett of Coldwater, Rebecca Hoff of Houston, Texas, Terrie Gray of Ossian, and Carla Hollway of Angola; 16 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

One son, Roger, preceded her in death in 1991.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Kurt Hoff of Heritage Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Area Deaths

LEO-CEDARVILLE — **Robert Paul Davis**, 80, died Saturday at The Cedars. Mass of Christian Burial is 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, New Haven. Calling is 6-9 p.m. today and 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, and 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at the church. A rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

SYRACUSE — **Maryann Dowty**, 70, died Saturday at home. Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Bethany Church of the Brethren, New Paris. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Milford.

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Terry Dauberman

KENDALLVILLE — Terry Bruce Dauberman, 54, died at 12:32 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, 2001, at his sister's home in Kendallville, where he was living. He had been ill a year.

The Stroh area resident had lived in Kendallville for nine months. He was a former machine operator at Taylor Made, Kendallville.

A veteran of the U.S. Army in the Vietnam War, he received the Bronze Star.

He was born Aug. 17, 1947, in Kendallville to Willard E. and Blanche L. (Pant) Dauberman. He was a Prairie Heights High School graduate.

Surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Cindy and Floyd Marquart and Alice and Richard Delcamp, all of Kendallville; two nephews, Stephan Mast of Hudson and Matthew Delcamp of Kendallville; a great-niece; and a great-nephew.

Services are 6 p.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, officiating.

Calling is 4-6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Edyth Courtright

HUDSON — Edyth E. Courtright, 91, of Hudson, died Friday, Aug. 17, 2001, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Courtright was a J.C. Penney sales associate in Angola, retiring in 1973. She was a member of Salem Center Presbyterian Church, where she retired as the choir director after 42 years and was active in the Ladies Aid. She was a member of the Salem Study Club, Lamplighters Extension Homemakers Club, Birthday Club, and Elite Club.

She was born June 18, 1910, in Flint in Steuben County to Perry and Edna Pearl (Miller) Waite.

She married Dick Courtright on Jan. 31, 1931. He died March 7, 1984.

Surviving her are one son, Richard Lee Courtright of Hudson; one daughter, Donna Lou Allen of Pleasant Lake; one brother, Vernon J. Waite of Angola; one stepbrother, Marcus Proehl of Plainfield; seven grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

One brother, Lorin Waite, and one sister, Birdella Pearl Brown, preceded her in death.

Services were held today at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating. Burial was in Flint Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to the Salem Center Presbyterian Church.

Mary Shaw

AUBURN — Mary E. Shaw, 68, died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2001, at 10:45 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Shaw formerly worked for the Auburn Rubber Co. and Cooper Tire and Rubber Co. She retired from Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. in 1994 with 33 1/2 years of service. She lived in Auburn and was a member of Women of the Moose, the American Legion Auxiliary and Eagles Auxiliary. She was a volunteer at the Heimach Senior Center and bowled for many years with the Cooper Bowling Club.

She was born Dec. 1, 1932, in DeKalb County to Mathias and Ethel (Beard) Werner.

Surviving her are one brother, Roy Werner of Angola; three sisters, Ruth Shipe of Auburn, Barbara Ridenour of Newville and Betty Shaw of Garrett; and several nieces and nephews.

One brother, Paul Werner, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or Heimach Senior Center.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Galen D. Wisler**, 67, died Monday at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Fort Wayne. Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

GRABILL — **Barbara Graber**, 82, died Monday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 9 a.m. Thursday at the family home, 13031 Notestine Road, Grabill, with calling noon-9 p.m. today and Wednesday.

MILFORD — **Maxine E. Domer** died Thursday at Lakeland Rehabilitation Center. Services are 10 a.m. Sept. 15 at St. James Episcopal Church, Goshen, with calling 9-10 a.m.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2001

Russell Coats

BUTLER — Russell A. Coats, 69, died Monday, Aug. 20, 2001, at 2 p.m. in his Butler home.

Mr. Coats was a truck driver for Universal Tool & Stamping Co. in Butler, retiring in 1993 with 35 years of service. He served in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of Butler American Legion Post 202 and the Butler Eagles Lodge.

Mr. Coats

He was born Oct. 25, 1931, in DeKalb County to Roy and Roberta (Coats) Stahl. His mother survives in Butler and his father is deceased.

He married Hazel I. Wells on Sept. 24, 1949, and she survives in Butler.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Jeanette Coats of Butler, Ronald and Linda Coats of Fort Wayne, Andrew and Yun-Mi Coats of Butler, and Joseph and Rebecca Coats of Butler; two brothers, Louis Howe Jr. of Florida and William Howe of Auburn; four sisters, Garnett Baughman of Auburn, Delores Clay of Butler, Linda Ray of Hicksville, Ohio, and Joyce Bush of Butler; nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family, in care of Knisely Bank in Butler.

Scott Thomas

CHURUBUSCO — Scott D. Thomas, 42, died Monday, Aug. 20, 2001, in Steuben County near Fremont.

Mr. Thomas

He spent his formative years in Churubusco, graduating from Churubusco High School in 1977. As a teen he worked at Mork's Service and was later employed at Simplex Industries, Constantine, Mich. He worked at Bob's Paint Shop in Churubusco for a time, later owning and operating his own paint shop at Big Lake for several years. For the past 15 years he had been employed at Dexter Axle, working in Fremont and North Manchester. He was currently superintendent of Dexter Axle's Albion plant. He was an avid fisherman and deer hunter who enjoyed motocross, motorcycle riding and waterskiing.

He was born Dec. 17, 1958, in Elkhart to Robert and Cora (Geese) Thomas. His father preceded him in death in 1994. His mother survives in Coldwater, Mich.

Also surviving are three daughters, Jennifer and Amanda Thomas, both of Fremont, and Chelsea Thomas of Columbia City; a son, Brandon Thomas of Columbia City; a sister and brother-in-law, Lisa and Michael Smith of Coldwater; and his maternal grandmother, Maryetta Patton of Churubusco. His children's mother, Kathryn Smith, whom he married Aug. 11, 1978, also survives in Columbia City.

His maternal grandfather, James Geese, and his paternal grandparents, Gale and Norma Thomas, also preceded him in death.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Andrew Lombardo of First Baptist Church, Coldwater, officiating. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling is noon-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Eileen Helmkamp

AVILLA — Eileen Patricia "Pat" Helmkamp, 70, died at 3:20 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2001, at home in Avilla.

The lifetime Avilla community resident was a homemaker and had worked at St. James Restaurant, Avilla. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, and its Rosary Society.

Mrs. Helmkamp

She was born April 14, 1931, in Avilla to Charles J. and Mary (Demske) Helmer. On July 10, 1954, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, she married Richard Helmkamp, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Chris and Cecil Likens of Auburn; three sons and daughters-in-law, Ben and Brenda Helmkamp of Huntertown, Kevin and Sheryl Helmkamp of Oregon, Wis., and Jeff and Beth Helmkamp of Point St. Lucie, Fla.; three sisters, LaRona Slater and Joan Campbell of Fort Wayne and Rita Pera of Glenville, N.Y.; two brothers, Phil Helmer of Avilla and James Helmer of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren, Kristi, Andrew, Justin, Jordan, Conner and Kelsey Helmkamp, Caleb, Ashley, Brock and Todd Likens and Tina Arend; and two great-grandchildren; Audrey and Chaney Arend.

Two brothers, Dale and Virgil Helmer, and a sister, Geraldine Meyer, preceded him in death.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, 530 N. Main St., Avilla, and 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church Friday. Rosary services are 6 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the St. Mary's School endowment fund, the St. Mary's Cemetery Chapel fund or Masses.

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Rev. James Mapes Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — The Rev. James A. Mapes Sr., 63, died at 9:40 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2001, at home. He had been ill since October.

Rev. Mapes

The 1956 graduate of Kendallville High School held bachelor's and master's degrees in theology from International Bible Institute and Seminary, Orlando, Fla. He was an ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene, serving as pastor in Milford; Wolcottville; Huntington; Falmouth, Mich.; Mancelona, Mich.; White Springs, Fla.; and Sikeston, Mo. He retired from the Samara Center Psychiatric Unit at McCray Memorial Hospital after 12 years.

He was born March 15, 1938, in Kendallville to Indiana poet laureate Arthur Franklin Mapes and Ruth (Acker) Mapes. On Aug. 26, 1956, at Center Chapel Evangelical United Brethren Church, he married Carolyn Joan Sleeper, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, April and Jackie Johnson and Pamela and Craig Bottjer, all of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, James Mapes Jr. and Rebecca Mapes of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, Justin and Emily Johnson, Nathan, Erin and Elizabeth Bottjer and Mary and James Franklin Mapes, all of Kendallville; and a great-granddaughter, Ashley Nicole Bottjer of Kendallville.

Additional survivors are four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Marilyn and Dr. Charles Barrett of Owensville, Darlene and Jerry Frye of Kendallville, Jean Frye of LaGrange and Marlene Mason of Garrett; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Dean and Diane Mapes of Fremont, Michael and Diane Mapes of Auburn, Donald and Martha Mapes and Howard and Cheryl Mapes, all of Kendallville, and Richard and Celine Mapes of Oceanside, Calif.; and his father-in-law, Fred Sleeper of Kendallville.

Two granddaughters, Hannah Marie Johnson and Heidi Elizabeth Bottjer, preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Kendallville Church of the Nazarene.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, and 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Nazarene World Missions or Parkview Home Health and Hospice, 109 E. Central Ave., LaGrange, IN 46761.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Allen L. Light**, 81, died Monday at home in Howe. Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

LIGONIER — **Herman W. Schieber**, 71, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 10:30 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

GLENDALE, Ariz. — **Larry Paul Morrow Jr.**, 29, died Friday. Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Crystal Rose Funeral Home, 9155 W. Van Buren, Tolleson, Ariz., with calling 9-11 a.m. Thursday.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2001

Alice Brooks

PLEASANT LAKE — Alice M. Brooks, 95, died Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2001, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Brooks lived in Pleasant Lake and was retired from her career as postmistress for the Pleasant Lake post office.

She was a member of the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church, Angola American Legion Auxiliary, and Steuben County WWI Auxiliary Chapter, and a past matron of the Ashley chapter of Eastern Star.

She was born Sept. 25, 1905, in Steuben County to Fred and Dora (Sink) Whysong.

Her husband, Clark Brooks, died Nov. 26, 1973.

Surviving are a son, John Brooks of Pleasant Lake; a brother, Robert Lewis "Bud" Whysong of Ashley; two sisters, Ethel Whipple of Fruitland, Fla., and Evelyn Horvarter of Old Town, Fla.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Amy Penick, in September 1970; a grandson, Craig Brooks, in 1978; two sisters, Luetta Mais and Pauline Mergy; and one brother, Weir Whysong.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Pastor John Boyanowski will officiate. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Ashley Eastern Star will conduct Eastern Star services at 6:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

Evening Star, Thurs., Aug. 23, 2001 (cont'd)

Sharon Johnson

AUBURN — Services for Sharon M. Johnson, 65, will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Mrs. Johnson

Calling is today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Mrs. Johnson died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2001, at 8:56 a.m. in Elkhart General Hospital, Elkhart.

She was a supervisor at Modular Plastics in Elkhart for 20 years, retiring in 1992. She was a member of New Heights Baptist Church in Huntertown. She lived in Elkhart before moving to Auburn in May 1996.

She was born May 18, 1936, in Mishawaka. Her mother, S. Maxine (Masten) Stoddard, survives in Elkhart and her father, Lyle F. Stoddard, preceded her in death.

She married Delbert C. "Del" Johnson on Oct. 19, 1957, in Ober, Ind., and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Delbert "Del Jr." and Jodie Johnson of Rome City, and David and Jeannie Johnson of Auburn; one brother, Kenneth Stoddard of Carmel; and seven grandchildren, Jill, Julia, Katie Jo and Kellie Johnson, all of Rome City, and David Jr., Sara and Andrew Johnson, all of Auburn.

Pastor Gary Lovens and Pastor Clare Jewell will officiate at Friday's service. Burial will be Friday at 2:30 p.m. in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Osceola.

Memorials are to the church building fund. Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Simon B. Schwartz**, 85, died Wednesday at his daughter Rose Chapman's home in Nottawa, Mich. Services are 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Ezra H. Bontrager home, 1305W - 700S, LaGrange. Calling is all day Saturday and Sunday at the Marvin Schwartz home, 7240S - 75W, Wolcottville.

CHURUBUSCO — **Wright Caldwell**, 73, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling 4-9 p.m. Friday.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2001

Robert Wright

ORLAND — Robert W. Wright, 71, died Thursday, Aug. 23, 2001, in the emergency room at Cameron Hospital, Angola.

He was retired from his work as a carpenter for Hunt's Construction in Greenville, Ohio. He lived in Homosassa, Fla., and spent summers on Lake Pleasant, near Orland. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Mr. Wright was born Aug. 29, 1929, in Darke County, Ohio, to Clyde and Margaret (Miller) Wright.

He married Helen Akins, and she survives.

Also surviving him are one daughter, Sharon Shyrigh of Orange Park, Fla.; one sister, Dora Lee Moser of Greenville; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

There will be no services or calling. Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Mae Eckert

ANGOLA — Mae C. Eckert, 89, died Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2001, at Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola, where she had lived for two years.

She previously lived in Defiance, Ohio, from 1949 to 1980, and in St. Petersburg, Fla. She was a homemaker and had worked at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne during World War II.

Mrs. Eckert was born Dec. 30, 1911, in Fort Wayne to William and Caroline (Franks) Thiele.

She married Denver M. Eckert in 1943. He died in 1998.

Surviving her are one son, Alan D. Eckert of St. Petersburg; two daughters, Clarajane Hine of Clear Lake, Fremont, and Alane Burkhard of Irvine, Calif.; six grandchildren, including Carolyn Hohenberger of Snow Lake, Fremont; and four great-grandchildren.

One brother, William, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at noon (Indiana time) at Mast-Mock Funeral Home, in Defiance, Ohio. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Defiance.

Calling is today from 4-7 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Larry Morrow Jr.

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Larry Paul Morrow Jr., 29, died Friday, Aug. 17, 2001.

He lived in Glendale, Ariz.

He was born May 16, 1972, in Auburn to Larry Morrow Sr., who survives in Angola, and Betty Morrow, now Betty Noll, who survives in Glendale.

Also surviving are a daughter, Hannah Morrow of Kendallville; a stepfather, James Truelove Sr. of Kendallville; a stepfather, Jerry Noll of Glendale; a brother, James Truelove Jr. of Kendallville; and three sisters, Brooke Morrow of Glendale and Cindy Truelove and Carrie Hall, both of Kendallville.

Services were Thursday at Crystal Rose Funeral Home, 9155 W. Van Buren, Tolleson, Ariz. Church services are 5 p.m. Monday at Kendallville First Church of God.

Area Deaths

DECATUR — **Joseph A. Schinnerer**, 62, died Wednesday at Woodcrest, Decatur. Services are 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, with calling 2-6 p.m. Saturday and 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday.

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Gerald Goings

AUBURN — Gerald L. Goings, 70, died Friday, Aug. 24, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Goings retired in 1980 as a receiving clerk at Dana Corp. in Auburn, where he worked for 30 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and lived in Auburn. He was a member and past president of the Kendallville Eagles Lodge.

He was born June 2, 1931, in DeKalb County to William and Margaret (Essig) Goings. His wife, Wilma (Keller) Goings, died in 1994.

Surviving are three daughters, Michelle Butler and Terri L. Hill, both of Auburn, and Linda Morgan of Conroe, Texas; one sister, Ruth Tester of Waterloo; three brothers, Donald Goings of Rome City, James Goings of Broomall, Pa., and John Goings of New Haven; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

One brother, Fred Goings, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Donna Goings officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County unit of the American Heart Association.

Area Deaths

SHIPSHEWANA — **Craig Powell**, 45, of Shipshewana, died Friday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. There will be no services or calling. Burial will be in Keightly Cemetery in Shipshewana. Memorials in lieu of flowers are to the family.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Mary Berger

FREMONT — Mary B. Berger, 88, died Saturday, Aug. 25, 2001, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Berger

The resident of Lake George, Fremont, was retired from General Electric, Fort Wayne. She was a member of Jamestown Church, Fremont, and the G.E. Elex Club, Fort Wayne.

She was born Oct. 25, 1912, in Huntertown to William and Bessie (DeWitt) Ward.

In 1946 in Florida she married John H. Berger, who preceded her in death Sept. 11, 1987.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Melvin E. and Mary A. Wilson of Huntertown; two nephews, Tom Wilson of Huntertown and Don Wilson and his wife, Susan Wilson, of Columbia City; a great-niece; a great-nephew; and three great-great-nephews.

Services are 2 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Pastor Craig A. Myers officiating. Burial will be at Huntertown Cemetery, Huntertown.

Calling is 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Jamestown Church, Fremont.

Thomas Cart

LAGRANGE — Thomas J. Cart, 50, died Friday, Aug. 24, 2001, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

The rural LaGrange resident was a former social worker for the Indiana Department of Public Welfare in Shelbyville. He came to LaGrange from Indianapolis in 1990. He was a member of Valentine United Methodist Church.

He was born Aug. 23, 1951, in LaGrange to John J. and Mildred Jean (Parker) Cart.

Surviving are a daughter, Lindsay G. Cart of Beech Grove; two sons, Nathan M. and Andrew J. Cart, both of Beech Grove; a sister, Pat Bauman of LaGrange; and a brother, Dennis J. Cart of Jonesboro.

Services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Titus Speicher officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Huntington's Disease Society of America Indiana Chapter, P.O. Box 2101, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

Evening Star, Sun., August 26, 2001 (cont'd)

Kenneth Rodman

CORUNNA — Kenneth J. Rodman, 69, died at 4:40 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He retired as a factory worker in 1985 and was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born April 17, 1932, in Kendallville to Franklin J. and Eva Mae (Hanson) Rodman.

Surviving are five sons, Kenneth James and Ronald L. Rodman, both of Garrett, James F. and Randy I. Rodman, both of Auburn, and Michael Rodman of Corunna; four daughters, Debra Mae Bentley of Lagro, Sandra Campbell of Waterloo, Mary Jo Taylor of West Virginia and Jean Ann Rodman of Wabash; a brother, Howard Rodman of Ligonier; three sisters, Mary Kelly and Wavalne Rodman, both of Kendallville, and Pauline Meyer of Fort Wayne; 23 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two wives, Mary (Mann) Rodman and Deloris (Tucker) Rodman, and 15 brothers and sisters.

Services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. James Archambeault officiating. Burial will be at Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Ruth Ford

ALBION — Ruth Ford, 83, died at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, 2001, at her home near Albion.

Mrs. Ford

The homemaker was a teacher's aide for Washington Township School, Fort Wayne. She had lived in the Albion area for eight years, coming from Fort Wayne. She was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Albion; the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Ladies Auxiliary; and the Rosary Sodality of Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Fort Wayne.

She was born Dec. 19, 1917, in Davenport, Iowa, to Walter and Bertha (Harber) Seibold.

On Dec. 1, 1943, in Fort Wayne, she married John T. "Jack" Ford, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Judith A. Loy of Wawaka, Phyllis A. Sweet of Fort Wayne and Rebecca A. Tonkel of Albion; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Albion, with Father Babasino Fernandes officiating. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is 2-4 and 5-7 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, 209 E. Main St., Albion, and 9-10 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Rosary services are at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Ladies Auxiliary will conduct a service at 7 p.m. Monday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses.

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Rita Rex

BUTLER — Rita V. Rex, 89, died Saturday, Aug. 25, 2001, at 4:25 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Rex formerly worked at Marshall Clothing, In Fashion, and Cooper Jewelry and Gifts in Butler. She lived in Butler and was a member of Butler United Methodist Church. She was past president of the Butler Eagles Auxiliary.

She was born Feb. 20, 1912, in Bryan, Ohio, to Judson E. and Pearl C. (Warren) Robinett.

She married Blaine Rex on April 11, 1936, in Waterloo. He died May 8, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, JoAnn and Joe Donaldson of Auburn, and Jeannie and Dave Pratt of Bloomington; one sister, Bette June Mills of Bryan; four grandchildren, A.J. Pratt of Fort Wayne, Troy Pratt of Loveland, Ohio, Michael Roop of Hamilton and Aimee Sorrell of Cincinnati, Ohio; two stepgrandchildren, Doug and Ned Donaldson, both of Auburn; and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Rex

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church or the Butler Eagles Auxiliary.

Dr. Charles Novy

GARRETT — Dr. Charles August Novy, 79, died Sunday, Aug. 26, 2001, at 5:30 p.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. He had resided in Garrett for 50 years.

He graduated from Loyola Medical School in 1946 and interned at Mercy Hospital in Chicago from 1947-1948.

Dr. Novy

Dr. Novy was a captain in the U.S. Air Force from 1948-1949. He was in general medical practice in Garrett from 1951 until 1974. He served as staff physician at the VA Medical Center in Fort Wayne from 1974-1978.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1790 and the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Mother Theresa Council, serving as financial secretary.

A lifetime member of the Garrett post of the American Legion, Dr. Novy was also a past member of the Garrett Rotary Club, Garrett Public Library Board, St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Council, St. Joseph School Board and DeKalb County Board of Health.

He was a member of the American Medical Association and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

Born Feb. 7, 1922, in Chicago, he was the son of August and Antonettie (Safranek) Novy.

On Jan, 18, 1947, in Chicago, he married Joan B. Dreher. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are four sons, William, Robert, Thomas and Joseph, all of Garrett; one daughter, Mary Joan Hullinger of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; and one sister, Georgette Mahoney of Darian, Ill.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the St. Joseph School Gymnasium, Garrett, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett, with military graveside services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with a rosary service at 4:30 p.m. Additional calling will be Wednesday from 10 a.m. until the service at St. Joseph School.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School or Masses.

Condolences may be sent to: condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Marie Duszynski

SENEY, Mich. — Marie Duszynski, 76, died Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2001 at Tender Care Nursing Home in Munising, Mich.

She was a homemaker, a member of the Salvation Army and a former resident of Munith, Mich.

She was born Aug. 19, 1925, in Lacky, Ky., to Joe and Lola (Hicks) Elliott.

Her husband, Frank Duszynski, preceded her in death.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Frank "Bud" Duszynski of Jackson, Mich., Joe and Joy Duszynski of Munith, Mich., Charlie and Diane Duszynski of Waterloo and Jeff and Kit Duszynski of Kendallville; three daughters, Geraldine Fletcher of Seney, Mich., Joyce Bowser of Englewood, Colo., and Susan Duszynski of Grand Marais, Mich.; four brothers, Clovis Hoover of Kendallville, Denver Elliott of Orland, Leon Elliott of Macy and James Edward Elliott of LaGrange; four sisters, Ruth Terry of Kendallville, Deloris Burkhead of Sturgis, Mich., Alice Faye Patterson of Rome City and Jean Bassler of Pennsylvania; 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A daughter, JoAnn, and two sisters, Virginia Likes and Georgia Orange, preceded her in death.

Friends and family will gather for fellowship and memories Saturday from 1-3 p.m. at the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Burial will be in Pleasant Grove Cemetery at Munith, Mich.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society.

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Charles Trenary

AUBURN — Charles W. Trenary, 80, of Auburn, died Saturday at Big Turkey Lake, Stroh.

Mr. Trenary was a farmer and retired in 1981 as a shipping and receiving supervisor for K-Mart Corp. with 25 years of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, ending his service in 1945, and was a member of American Legion Post 0111 in Bluffton. He enjoyed woodworking, model trains, gardening and fishing, his family and the lake.

He was born July 18, 1921, in Wells County to William E. and Ida (Graft) Trenary.

His wife, Agnes M. Trenary, died Nov. 4, 1979.

Surviving him are two sons, Barry Trenary of Auburn and Scott Trenary of Fort Wayne; one sister, Erma Genth of Yoder; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Mark Minnick officiating.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne, with military graveside honors.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Come 2 Go Ministries.

Katherine George

ANGOLA — Katherine Louise George, 77, of Angola, died Saturday, Aug. 25, 2001, in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She was a concession operator at a theater in Conway, N.H., and a member of the Christian Science church.

She was born Nov. 13, 1923, in Conway, N.H., to Francis and Gladys (Annis) Dow.

Her husband, Clarence W. George, preceded her in death in 1973.

Surviving are a son, Francis W. George of Brodnax, Va.; a daughter, Sally Ann Baker of Bristol, N.H.; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

There will be no service or calling. Burial will be in Conway Cemetery, Conway, N.H.

Weicht Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Louis Moore

ANGOLA — Louis Max Moore, 79, died Saturday, Aug. 25, 2001, at Carlin Park Health Care Center, Angola.

Mr. Moore was retired as a manager of Kroger Co., after working in Angola, Petoskey, Mich., and Auburn. He worked for Kroger for 40 years and 10 months. He lived in Angola.

He was born Jan. 27, 1922, in Angola to Frank and Elsie (Patterson) Moore.

Surviving him are one daughter, Nancy Salyer of Columbus, Ohio; one grandson and one great-great-granddaughter.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. There will be no calling.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Ruth M. Trowbridge**, 97, of Kendallville, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

TOPEKA — **Tharon Keith Heffner**, 83, Topeka, died Sunday. Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Calling 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

COLUMBIA CITY — **The Rev. Welburn Smith**, 86, Fort Wayne, died Saturday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Westview Alliance Church, Fort Wayne. Calling from 5 to 8 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City.

MARKLE — **Vera M. Platt**, 93, Markle, died Saturday. Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Myers Funeral Home Markle Chapel, Markle. Calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

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Madonna Uhrick

BLUFFTON — Madonna L. Uhrick, 72, died Monday, Aug. 27, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Hartford City native retired in 1991 from Franklin Electric Co., Bluffton, after 18 years.

Surviving are her husband, Elmer Uhrick; two sons, Charles W. Bergdoll of Angola and James O. Bergdoll of Madison; three daughters, Terry Lee Black and Shirley Ann Harshman, both of Bluffton, and Cindra Sue Wolf of Ossian; two stepsons, Larry L. Uhrick of Wolcottville and Kerry L. Uhrick of Auburn; two stepdaughters, Joyce A. Smith of Berne and Judy A. Wyatt of Bluffton; a sister, Shirley Ann Sills of Hartford City; a half-brother, James B. DuBois of Magnolia, Texas; 19 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Her first husband, Charles W. Bergdoll Sr., preceded her in death.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton. Burial will be at Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. today at the chapel.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association or Heart Association.

Thelma Tritch

HUDSON — Thelma M. Tritch, 72, died Sunday, Aug. 26, 2001, at 5 p.m. at her Hudson home.

Mrs. Tritch was an Angola school bus driver for eight years, a nutrition site director for Ashley-Hudson Manor for eight years, and worked for the Steuben County Council on Aging for five years.

She was a lifetime Steuben County resident and a 1947 graduate of Ashley High School. She was a member of the Hudson United Brethren Church.

She was born June 27, 1929, in Steuben County to Carl and Margie (Deller) Sanders.

She married William L. "Bill" Tritch on July 19, 1947, and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Lyle Tritch of Shelbyville, Ron Tritch of Fremont and Jim Tritch of Angola; one daughter, Sandra Ferrell of Angola; two sisters, Dorothy Kurtz of Columbia City and Barbara Wilhelm of Pleasant Lake; 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A grandson, Nicholas Horwitz, one sister and five brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Hudson United Brethren Church, with calling there after 1 p.m. The Rev. Craig Burkholder will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Additional calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Memorials are to the Hudson United Brethren Church or Cameron Home Health Care.

Area Deaths

TOPEKA — **Mary Susan Kaufman**, 82, died Monday at Greencroft Nursing Center. Memorial services are 11:30 a.m. Friday at First Mennonite Church, Middlebury, with calling 5-8 p.m. Thursday and 9-10 a.m. Friday.

LIGONIER — **Alfred L. Lindsay Sr.**, 72, died Monday at his rural Ligonier home. Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with calling 3-8 p.m. Wednesday.

ALBION — **Paula J. Kline Eizinger**, 55, died Saturday at home in Albion. Services are 2 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

WINONA LAKE — **Charles O. Huffer**, 85, died Sunday at Grace Village Health Care, Winona Lake. Graveside services are 1 p.m. today at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw. Calling is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. today at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw.

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Helen Stevens

ANGOLA — Helen E. Stevens, 98, died Monday, Aug. 27, 2001, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Stevens was a homemaker and lived in Angola. She was a member of Angola United Methodist Church, Evening Musicale, Sorosis, and the Victoria Lang Circle at the church.

She was born July 5, 1903, in Fort Wayne to Fleming and Edith (Hammond) Bodley.

She married Harold H. Stevens on Feb. 13, 1926. He died Feb. 20, 1992.

Surviving are three daughters, Beverly Laird of Angola and Donna Hays and Nancy Riley, both of San Jose, Calif.; five grandchildren, Susan Laird John, Martha Laird, Steven Sanfilippo, Paige Riley Babcock and Ken Riley; and five great-grandchildren, Taylor, Krystal, Mark, Hope and Noelle.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Dr. Norman Glassburn officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is today from 2-5 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Community Foundation for the Stevens Scholarship Fund and the United Methodist Church of Angola.

Kenneth Marks

AUBURN — Kenneth W. "Ken" Marks, 81, died Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2001, at 7:50 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Marks was a former accountant for Rohm Chevrolet in Auburn and also worked at the Auburn Dairy. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the County Line Church of God and Auburn American Legion Post 97.

He served on the DeKalb County Fair Board and was a charter member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Zephyrhills, Fla., Lions Club, where he received the Melvin Jones Fellowship, and was a former member of the Leo, Bluffton and Auburn Lions clubs.

He was born Nov. 27, 1919, in Fort Wayne to Charles L. and Ida E. (Schearer) Marks.

He married Wilma Gerig on June 12, 1943, in Vincennes and she survives.

Also surviving are five sons and three daughters-in-law, Gene and Colette Marks of Auburn, Thomas L. and Bonnie Marks of Kendallville, Ronald J. Marks of Auburn, Jon J. and Loretta Marks of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Joseph W. Marks of Lexington, Ky.; one brother, Milton S. Marks of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

One brother and two sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at County Line Church of God, rural Auburn, with calling there after 10 a.m. The Rev. Bob Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Heart Association or the County Line Church of God.

Darl Conner

FORT WAYNE — Darl D. Conner, 50, died Sunday, Aug. 26, 2001, at his Fort Wayne home.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was the owner and operator of Three DDD Transmission and an instructor at Ivy Tech. He was a member of Broadway Christian Church, Eagles Lodge 248 and the Automatic Transmission Rebuilders Association. He enjoyed deer hunting and golf.

Surviving him are his wife, Norma L.; a daughter, Angela K. Otis of Fort Wayne; two sons, Donald D. of Bluffton and Deke E. of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Alex E. Machado of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Phyllis M. Swihart and Pat A. Connelly, both of Fort Wayne, and Garnett I. Savage of Auburn; and six grandchildren.

Four brothers, Earl, Gail, Everett and Paul, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with calling there after 9 a.m. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Additional calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorials are to the Dr. Page Cancer Research Center.

Area Deaths

KENDALLVILLE — **Rosalie A. Kline**, 82, died Tuesday at Shepherd of the Hill. Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2001

Zelma Scheid

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Zelma Irita Scheid, 88, died Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2001, at 7:23 a.m. at her home on Spencerville Street.

She had worked at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, and in home health care for patients in the Hicksville area. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Hicksville, Eagles Auxiliary Lodge 248 in Fort Wayne, and the Veterans of Foreigh Wars Auxiliary in Hicksville.

She was born March 26, 1913, in Payne, Ohio, to Charles and Nellie (Morgan) Webster.

Her husband, Ronald Emerson Elliott, preceded her in death in October 1934.

Surviving her are two sons, Ronald Elliott and John Elliott, both of Hicksville; four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, Elva Duke, Loretta Mitchner, Pearl Grosh and May Webster, and one brother, John Wirts.

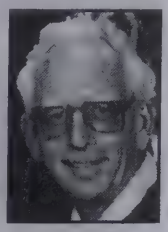
Services will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with Pastor Penti Maki and Carl Shephard officiating. Burial will be in Lost Creek Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is Saturday from 2-8 p.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice-The Caring Way or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Dennis Eckert

COLUMBIA CITY — Dennis L. Eckert, 63, died Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2001, at his home in Columbia Township.



Mr. Eckert

Mr. Eckert retired in 1991 as a construction supervisor for GTE in Fort Wayne. He graduated from Central High School in Fort Wayne in 1956 and served in the U.S. Army. He formerly lived in Fort Wayne and Churubusco before moving to rural Columbia City.

He was born March 13, 1938, in Warsaw to Edward and Mildred (Albertson) Eckert. His mother survives in Atwood and his father preceded him in death.

He married Sharon R. Eckart on June 27, 1959. She preceded him in death on March 13, 1992.

He then married Camilla Huston Reed on Aug. 9, 1996, and she preceded him in death May 24, 2001.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Dawn and Chad Goodyear of Churubusco; two sons, James E. and wife Phyllis Eckert of Churubusco, and Jeff E. Eckert and companion Kaloni Krider of Churubusco; a stepdaughter and her husband, Christine and Brad Thorp of Centerville, Ohio; two stepsons and their wives, Daniel and Lori Reed of Clearwater, Fla., and Daren and Tammy Reed of Columbia City; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ronald and Marilyn Eckert of Cottonwood, Ariz., and Larry and Leslie Eckert of Auburn; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Two daughters, Robin Eckert and April Eckert, preceded him in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege, with Father Danney Pinto and Father Donald Isenbarger officiating. Burial will be in Ege Cemetery, Noble County, with military graveside rites by Churubusco American Legion Post 157.

Calling is Monday from 2-8 p.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco. The rosary will be recited Monday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis. Condolences may be sent to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Phyllis Malott

ANGOLA — Phyllis J. Malott, 69, died Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She worked at Handy and Harman for seven years as an assembler.

Mrs. Malott was born May 11, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Robert and Thereasa (Dale) Albert.

She married Jack F. Malott on Nov. 11, 1950, in Fort Wayne. He died July 5, 1988.

Surviving are four sons, Rick, Robert, Tim and David Malott, all of Angola; two daughters, Susan Caldwell of Albion and Linda Robles of Fort Wayne; 22 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 7 p.m. in Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with calling there after 3 p.m. Jim Robbins of Rome City and Gary Musser of Angola will officiate. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the family.

Area Deaths

ALBION — **Raymond Edward Grimes Sr.**, 71, died Dec. 14 at Marion Veterans Administration Hospital. Cremation took place in Marion. The final resting place is in Hawaii.

LEO-CEDARVILLE — **John L. Jeffers**, 78, died Tuesday at home. Mass of Christian Burial is 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road. Calling is 7-9 p.m. today and 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, and 9-10 a.m. Saturday at the church.

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Catharina Armstrong

AUBURN — Catharina W. Armstrong, 49, died Thursday, Aug. 30, 2001, at 8:30 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Armstrong was the sales and catering manager at the Ramada Inn in Auburn. She lived in rural Auburn and was a member of the Cedar Creek Church of Christ, Leo. She was active in 4-H, where she served as a DeKalb County 4-H leader and also on the 4-H Council.

She was born April 18, 1952, in Heirlen, Netherlands, to Jozef and Truus (Beirman) Hollanders. They survive in Martinsville, Ind.

She married Larry Armstrong on Dec. 9, 1978, in Martinsville, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Tonya Armstrong of Auburn, a student at Tri-State University in Angola; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Frans and Kay Hollanders of Martinsville, and Theo and Vicky Hollanders of Southport.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Ron Collins officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 3-6 p.m. and Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Indian Christian Mission in Show Low, Ariz.

Donald Mark

AVILLA — Donald E. Mark, 79, died Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2001, in Avilla.

The pattern maker for Diversified Pattern and Mark Brother Pattern lived in the Avilla community since 1950. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II and a member of Avilla American Legion Post 240, the 5th bombardment group and Avilla Masonic Lodge 460. He was a member of the Avilla Fire Department for 27 years.

He was born July 30, 1922, in Auburn to Cecil and Nora (Shaffer) Mark. On Dec. 6, 1945, at the Chapel in Angola he married W. June Fanning, who preceded him in death Feb. 11.

A sister, Jane Condon, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son, Stanley Mark of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Jerry Becker of Kendallville; two brothers, Robert Mark of Avilla and Kenton Mark of Kinderhook, Mich.; and four grandchildren, Kevin Becker and his wife, Julie Becker, Anthony Becker and his wife, Lydia Becker, Drew Mark and Carrie Huelsenbeck and her husband, Joe Huelsenbeck.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating.

Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 240.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, 530 N. Main St., Avilla, and 1-2 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the church or the Avilla Fire Department.

Sharon Neely

ANGOLA — Sharon Sue Neely, 51, died Thursday, Aug. 30, 2001, in Angola.

She enjoyed the outdoors, her grandchildren and her dog.

She was born Dec. 6, 1949, in Kendallville. Her parents, Robert Kline, and Ethel (Henderson) McClellan, preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one daughter, Katrinka Campbell of Angola; two sons, Gene Neely of Wolcottville and James Neely of Angola; a companion, Phillip Percy of Angola; one stepdaughter, Bridgette Imse of Fremont; two sisters, JoAnn Royal-Hanna of Blountzville, Ala., and Gale Spence of Angola; a stepmother, Mary Kline of Wawaka; a stepfather, LeRoy McClellan of Ashley; a half-sister, Kimberly Cagle of Cromwell; and four stepbrothers.

One sister, Rita Shatto, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with calling after 11 a.m. The Rev. John Garrison will officiate. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Memorials are to the family.

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Warren Webb

WEST HILLS, Calif. — Warren Lee Webb, 63, died Monday, Aug. 27, 2001 at his home afer a long illness.

Mr. Webb formerly lived in Colon, Mich., where he was active with the Colon Fire Department. He then moved to Ann Arbor, Mich., to work in the ambulance business. He worked many years in the security business in California and was retired.

He was born April 30, 1938, in Sturgis, Mich., to Warren and Dorothy Webb. His mother survives in Colon and his father preceded him in death.

He married Sandra Hensley in Detroit, Mich., and she died May 8, 1988, in California. He then married Jean Peters in May 1999 and she survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Robyn and Debbie, both of California, Pamela and Greg Smith of Auburn, and Kim and Don Truex of Nappanee; one son and daughter-in-law, Tracy and Sheila Webb of Sturgis; a stepson, Keith; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Norman and Gretchen Webb of Colon, and Steven Webb of Ann Arbor; 14 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

One brother, Thomas Webb, and one great-grandchild, Bailey, preceded him in death.

Burial took place in California. A memorial service for immediate family and close friends in Colon will be held at a later date.

Eternal Valley Memorial Park & Mortuary, Newhall, Calif., was in charge of arrangements.

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Robert Schenher

CHURUBUSCO — Robert B. "Beany" Schenher, 82, died at 8:15 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home of Avilla.

He was a retired self-employed painter and past owner of Lucky Lady Tavern, Churubusco. He was a member of the Ege Immaculate Conception Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Churubusco, American Legion Post No. 240 of Avilla and the Knights of Columbus.

He was born May 14, 1919, in Ege, to Frank and Frances (Bloom) Schenher. He married Erin Amelia Neufer on June 28, 1947, in Ege. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Jack Green of Churubusco, Susie and Eric Johnson of Sacramento, Calif., and Sally and Jim Panyard of Fremont; three sons and daughters-in-law, Curt and Dawn Schenher and Jeff and Vicki Schenher, all of Churubusco, and Stan and Linda Schenher of Indianapolis; a sister, Agnes Grim of Ege; 15 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Along with his wife, four brothers, seven sisters and two grandchildren preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. at Ege Immaculate Conception Church, with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery, with military graveside rites by American Legion Post No. 240 of Avilla.

Visitation is Tuesday from 3 to 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Donations can be made to the church for mass.

Evening Star, Sun., September 2, 2001 (cont'd)

Frank LaFlame

BONITA SPRINGS, Fla. — Frank E. LaFlame, 80, Bonita Springs, Fla., died Friday, Aug. 31, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A former Clear Lake resident, he retired as a mechanical engineer for General Motors-Delco Products, Dayton, Ohio. He was a World War II veteran and was a member of the St. Paul Chapel Catholic Church of Clear Lake and Clear Lake Lions Club.

He was born July 26, 1921, in Beech, Iowa, to Charles and Daisy (Long) LaFlame. On May 1, 1942, in Muskegon, Mich., he married Elayne M. Harper, who survives.

Surviving along with his wife are a daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and David Biddinger of Birmingham, Mich; two sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Michele LaFlame of Dayton and Gregory and Cynthia LaFlame, North Canton, Ohio; two sisters; two brothers; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Paul Catholic Chapel, Clear Lake. There is no visitation.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Catholic Chapel, 8780 E. 700 North, Clear Lake, in care of the building fund.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

V. Nadine Barnhart

AUBURN — V. Nadine Barnhart, 78, died at 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, 2001, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She retired in 1986 after 26 years working for Rieke Corp. in Auburn. She was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge, Garrett Eagles Lodge, American Legion Post No. 97 of Auburn and St. Joe Church of Christ in St. Joe.

She was born July 23, 1923, in Garrett to Charles and Pearl (Heffelfinger) McBride. She married Raymond Barnhart in Garrett on July 4, 1943. He preceded her in death on Aug. 29, 1979.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Fred and Elaine Barnhart and Roger and Tammy Barnhart, both of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Elizabeth and Bob DePew and Martha and John Close, both of Auburn; four brothers, Rival McBride of Garrett, Dean McBride of Waterloo, Harley Ray McBride of Hamilton and Paul McBride of Boston; two sisters, Eileen Harger of Hamilton and Ann Robbins of Auburn; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, Wayne, Vaughn and Neal McBride, and one granddaughter, Jennifer Elaine Barnhart, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Larry Watson presiding. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to St. Joe Church of Christ, St. Joe.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2001

James Thorsby

HAMILTON — James D. Thorsby, 71, died Saturday, Sept. 1, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A Detroit-area resident most of his life, he moved to Hamilton in 1984. He retired in 1992 as a glazer for Bohn Aluminum in Butler. He was a member of the Angola Assembly of God Church and a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was born July 20, 1930, in Garden City, Mich., to Clarence and Eileen (Whitney) Thorsby.

He married Jacque Syders in 1979, and she survives.

Survivors also include two sons, James Thorsby of Hamilton and Thomas Thorsby of Ann Arbor, Mich.; a stepson, Curtis L. Howe of Pleasant Lake; a stepdaughter, Chrisandra L. Brown of Pleasant Lake; a sister, Eva LaMont of Chico, Calif.; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Marjorie Ann Williams Thorsby, in 1976; a daughter, RayAnn Thorsby; and an infant son.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Assembly of God Church, 645 N. State Road 827, Angola, with Pastor Darold Beck and Pastor Chris Cain officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery with military honors by Angola American Legion Post 31.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Assembly of God Church missions.

Evening Star, Tues., Sept. 4, 2001 (cont'd)

Bernard Rhodes

FORT WAYNE — Bernard "Dusty" Rhodes, 70, died Sept. 2, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a welder at International Harvester for 25 years, retiring in 1983. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a member of Concordia Lutheran Church.

He was born Oct. 2, 1930, in LaOtto. In 1959 in Germany, he married Johanna Rhodes, who survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a son, Heinz J. Rhodes of Fort Wayne; a sister, Fern Sage of Huntertown; three brothers, Argyl Rhodes of Avilla, Ernest Rhodes of Fort Wayne and Donald Rhodes of Wolcottville; a brother-in-law, Ludwig Appel of Pleasant Lake; and many nieces and nephews.

A sister, Vestal Troyer, and two brothers, George and Kenneth Rhodes, preceded him in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Concordia Lutheran Church. Burial will be at Concordia Gardens.

Calling is 9:45-11 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Arrangements are by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Area Deaths

HOWE — **Ignacio DeJesus Urenda** was stillborn Saturday at LaGrange Community Hospital. Graveside services are 1 p.m. today at Babyland, Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. No calling.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Junior Byer**, 66, died Saturday at home in Columbia City. Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today

COLDWATER, Mich. — **Pauline A. Kreis**, 78, died Sunday at Laurels of Coldwater. Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at George White Funeral Home, Quincy, with calling 5-9 p.m.

PORTLAND — **Jerry D. Russell**, 53, died Saturday at home. Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Asbury United Methodist Church. Calling is 2-8 p.m. today at Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home Portland Chapel and 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Masonic memorial services by the Portland Masonic Lodge are 6:30 p.m. this evening at the funeral home.

FRANKFORT, Ill. — **Sister M. Rose Angela Karasiewicz O.S.F.**, 86, died Friday. Funeral Mass is 10 a.m. Wednesday at Queen of Angels Chapel, 9201 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort. Calling is 2-7:30 p.m. today at the motherhouse, with wake services at 4 p.m.

Charles F. Hart

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Fort Wayne — 1919-2001

Charles F. Hart, 82, of Fort Wayne, a retired colonel with the U.S. Army and veteran of World War II, died Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2001, at Parkview Hospital.

The St. Joe native was formerly of Goshen and retired in 1984 from Goshen High School as a teacher. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, American Legion and Elkhart County Retired Teachers Association. Surviving are a daughter, Susan Clark of Fort Wayne; a sister, Arlene Frias of VanLue, Ohio; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jane; a son, Gary; five sisters; and two brothers. Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, 1911 S. Main St., Goshen, with calling from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday. Burial will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Osceola. Memorials are to Lay Diabetes Society of Elkhart County.

Information provided by Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, 1-219-533-3153.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2001

Lelah Ayers

ST. JOE — Lelah C. Ayers, 97, died Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2001, at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler, where she had resided since March.

Mrs. Ayers retired from Magnavox in Fort Wayne in 1968, after more than 30 years of service. She was a member of Christ's Church in Butler.

She was born Sept. 30, 1903, in Beaverton, Mich., to George and Elizabeth (Mann) Cook.

She married Donel D. Ayers, who died in 1962.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Norman and Doris Ayers of St. Joe; one daughter, Virginia Rose Hilbert of St. Joe; six grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Weldy Cook and John Cook, and one sister, Lilly Redmond, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio. Dale Rabineau, minister of Christ's Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Alton Cemetery, DeKalb County.

Calling is Thursday after 2 p.m. and Friday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Concord Township Volunteer Fire Department of St. Joe, or the Christ's Church building fund.

Bernard Blomeke

AUBURN — Bernard F. Blomeke, 79, of Auburn, died Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2001, at 10:54 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He was a lifetime farmer and worked as an assembler at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1983 with 22 years of service. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

Mr. Blomeke was born Nov. 24, 1921, in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, to Frank and Irene (Dibling) Blomeke.

He married Mary Reta Smythlony on April 22, 1948, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Michael Blomeke and James Blomeke, both of Ashley, and William Blomeke and Matthew Blomeke, both of Waterloo; five daughters, Jennifer Blomeke and Marcia Blomeke, both of Auburn, and Mary Blomeke, Patricia Hoff and Carol Blomeke, all of Waterloo; a brother, Paul Blomeke of Huntington; 13 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

One sister, Mildred Lepley, and two brothers, George and Edwin, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with calling after 10 a.m. Father Chuck Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will take place Thursday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses at the church or the Michael J. Fox Parkinson Research Foundation.

John Herber

FORT WAYNE — John I. Herber, 59, died Monday, Sept. 3, 2001, at home.

The Fort Wayne native retired in 1992 as a detailer for International Harvester and Navistar after 32 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Beth Ann Martinsky of Leo-Cedarville and Amy Jo Herber of Fort Wayne; six sisters, Judy Wesling of Rome City and Nancy Garman, Rose Marie Frye, Barbara Shaidnagle, Jane Martin and Elizabeth Fisher, all of Fort Wayne; a brother, Steve Herber of Orland; and three grandchildren.

A son, John Matthew Herber, preceded him in death.

Mass of Christian Burial is 10 a.m. Saturday at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1122 S. Clinton St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is 7-9 p.m. Friday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, with a rosary said there at 6:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Catholic Charities.

Area Deaths

SYRACUSE — **George J. Cuyler**, 86, died Monday at Outlook Point Assisted Living, Merrillville. Services are 10 a.m. Monday at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, Syracuse. Calling is 3-6 p.m. Sunday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel, Syracuse.

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Michael Held

GARRETT — Michael Held, 94, died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2001, at 7:12 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mr. Held

Mr. Held was a bottler at Falstaff & Bergoff in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1970. He lived in Garrett for 50 years and was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

He was born Sept. 21, 1906, in Milwaukee, Wis., to Michael and Theresa (Elbner) Held.

He married Mamie I. Rahmer on Feb. 13, 1952, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are three nephews, Robert Foulk of Wolcottville, Steven Fuller of Leo and Daniel Fuller of Lisle, Ill.; and three nieces, Shirley Fleming of Bloomington, Diane Held of Sterling Heights, Mich., and Marilyn MacLaren of Clinton Township, Mich.

One brother, Ollie Held, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. The Rev. William Haworth will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Memorials are to the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Cleo Warstler

PLEASANT LAKE — Cleo C. Warstler, 82, died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2001, at 6:38 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Warstler was retired from Dana Weatherhead in Angola after 35 years of service. He was a member of the Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola.

He also was a 45-year member of Ashley Masonic Lodge 614 and a member of Ashley Order of Eastern Star Lodge 219 and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne. He belonged to the Pioneer Club of Dana and the Dana Camping Club.

He was born May 8, 1919, in Salem Center to Gerrie and Bertha (Kunce) Warstler.

He married Clara E. Bolinger on May 8, 1943, in Pleasant Lake. She died Dec. 13, 1998.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Judy Warstler of Pleasant Lake; one daughter and son-in-law, Dianna and Gary Milliman of Angola; one brother, Walter Warstler of Owosso, Mich.; four grandchildren, Dale Stevenson, Scott Warstler, Bryan Warstler and Robert "Robbie" Warstler; and three great-grandchildren, Regan Stevenson and Trevor and Brittany Warstler.

A brother, Eugene, preceded him in death in 1967.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Pleasant View Church of Christ, Angola, with calling there after 9 a.m. Tim Seevers will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery in rural Pleasant Lake.

Additional calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. A Masonic service will be held Friday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Pleasant View Church of Christ.

Frank Christlieb

LIGONIER — Frank R. Christlieb, 82, died at about noon Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2001, at home in Ligonier.

He had lived in the Ligonier area since 1942. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II who received the Purple Heart for injuries received in action in Germany. An auctioneer and antique dealer, he served on the Ligonier Police Department after his discharge from the armed forces. He was a member of the West Noble American Legion Post.

He was born June 17, 1919, in Churubusco to Frank and Bessie Marie (Addis) Christlieb. On May 20, 1939, in Albion, he married Mae Ostrander, who preceded him in death Oct. 25, 1985.

Also preceding him in death were a son, Jerry Christlieb; two grandchildren; a brother, Richard Christlieb; and a sister, Evelyn Yoquelet.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Earl and Sally Christlieb of Elkhart; three daughters and sons-in-law, Pat and Harvey Heintzelman of Ligonier, Sandy and Stan Lawson of Avilla and Mary and Clyde Conn of Kimmell; two brothers, Milton Christlieb of Garrett and Paul Christlieb of Churu-busco; a sister, Dorothy Ramsey of Churubusco; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and his companion of 13 years, Phyllis Owens.

Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Evening Star, Thurs., Sept. 2, 2001 (cont'd)

Frank LaFlame

CLEAR LAKE — A memorial service for Frank E. LaFlame will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Paul Chapel Catholic Church, Clear Lake.

Mr. LaFlame, 80, of Bonita Springs, Fla., died Friday, Aug. 31, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A former Clear Lake resident, he retired as a mechanical engineer for General Motors-Delco Products, Dayton, Ohio. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of St. Paul Chapel of Clear Lake and the Clear Lake Lions Club. He enjoyed the outdoors, working in the yard, birds and flowers.

He was born July 26, 1921, in Beech, Iowa, to Charles and Daisy (Long) LaFlame.

On May 1, 1942, in Muskegon, Mich., he married Elayne M. Harper, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and David Biddinger of Birmingham, Mich; two sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Michele LaFlame of Dayton, Ohio, and Gregory and Cynthia LaFlame of North Canton, Ohio; two sisters, two brothers, nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Father Philip Schneider will officiate at Friday's memorial service. There will be no calling. Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Chapel, 8780 E. 700 N, Clear Lake, in care of the building fund.

Doyle Marr

GARRETT — Doyle "Bud" L. Marr, 81, died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2001, in the Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

Mr. Marr was a trainman and conductor for 40 years for the B&O and CSX railroads, retiring in 1980. He served in the South Pacific and China in the 1st Marine Division during World War II, and was a member of the Garrett American Legion, the Garrett Eagles, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Association of Retired Persons.

He was born Dec. 15, 1920, in Walkerton to Harry and Hazel (Jackson) Marr.

He married Ruby G. (Bender) Marr, then Bertha (McCauge) Marr. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Doyle L. Jr. and Darlene Marr of Butler; one brother and sister-in-law, Darrell and Naomi Marr of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Devan Marr-Kirkman and Denise Marr.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Dennis Leinbach officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is in the funeral home today from 5-7 p.m. and Friday from noon-2 p.m..

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society and the American Cancer Society.

Rev. Sidney Bryant

WARSAW — The Rev. Sidney E. Bryant, 76, died Tuesday at home.

The Albion native retired in 1994 as a machinist from Chore-Time, Milford, after 20 years. He was founder of Syracuse United Pentecostal Church, pastoring it from 1967-1972. He also worked at Truelove Brothers Farm Implements, Albion, for 20 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy in World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Doris M.; a son, Jack Bryant of Warsaw; three daughters, Nina Stienbarger and Judy Smith, both of Warsaw, and Patricia Chandler of Pierceton; three sisters, Blanche Lemper of Auburn, Vera Schmuck of Kendallville and Barbara Uhl of Granger; a brother, Vernon Bryant of Rantoul, Ill.; 16 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Two sons preceded him in death.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Warsaw United Pentecostal Church. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, and noon-1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice Inc., 902 Provident Drive, P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw, IN 46581-1196.

Elmer Bowers

AVILLA — Elmer L. Bowers, 73, died Sunday, Sept. 2, 2001, at home. He had been in failing health for a year.

The graduate of Waterloo High School had lived in Avilla for 20 years, coming from Kendallville. He retired from Federal Seal & Gear, Kendallville. He was in the U.S. Army for 18 years, serving in the Korean and Vietnam wars. He was a member of the Avilla American Legion Post.

He was born Dec. 26, 1927, in Corunna to Roy and Iola (Dellenbach) Bowers.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Stephen Bowers and his companion Donna O'Dell of Auburn, and Larry L. and Sharon Powers of Waterloo; two stepdaughters, Sherry Pagliuco of North Carolina and Merry Crager of Pleasant Lake; a stepson, Gerry Yontz of Arizona; four grandchildren, Matthew, Derrick and Jeremy Bowers and Lindsay Treesh; and numerous stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

A stepson, Terry Yontz, preceded him in death.

Graveside services are Friday at 3:30 p.m. at Fairfield Cemetery, DeKalb County.

There is no calling.

Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Vanessa Fortman

GARRETT — Vanessa Marie Fortman, 7 months, died at 3:39 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a lifetime resident of Kendallville and Garrett.

She was born Jan. 11, 2001, in Fort Wayne to Tracey A. Fortman of Garrett, who survives.

Also surviving are two brothers, Matthew Fortman of Avilla and Gustavo Fortman of Garrett; her maternal grandparents, Roger and Sunanta Fortman of Avilla; and her maternal great-grandmother, Leona Fortman of Avilla.

Graveside services are 11 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla, with Father Daniel Durkin officiating.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic School, Avilla.

Arrangements are by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla.

Area Deaths

WOLCOTTVILLE — **Carley Mae "Carmie" Hicks**, 82, died Wednesday in Goshen. Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Little Flock Church, Paynesville. Calling will be after 1 p.m. today at Little Flossie Church, with evening services at 6 p.m.

LAGRANGE — **Avis V. Kenderes**, 76, died Tuesday at LaGrange Community Hospital. Services are 2 p.m. Friday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, LaGrange. Calling is noon-2 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

SAN ANTONIO — **M. Elaine Thompson**, 83, died Monday at home in San Antonio. Graveside services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren. Calling is 4-8 p.m. Friday at Glancy Funeral Homes H. Brown & Son Chapel, Warren.

MENTONE — **Richard O. Morrison,** 79, died Tuesday at the Veterans Administration Northern Indiana Health care, Fort Wayne. Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with calling 4-8 p.m. Friday.

Dorothy H. Berghoff

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Fort Wayne — 1914-2001

Dorothy H. Berghoff, 87, of Fort Wayne, a retired secretary, died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2001, at Covington Manor Nursing Center.

The Auburn native retired in 1975 from Wayne Township Trustee Office after seven years of service. Surviving are a son, Gilbert of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Nancy Kispert of Warsaw; seven grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony H. There are no services or calling. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery. Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church or Heartland Hospice.

Information provided by Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Homes, 6810 Old Trail Road,

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2001

Walter Driscoll

BLUFFTON — Walter Howard Driscoll, 80, died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2001, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

The Munice native was a tool and die maker at General Motors, Marion, for 30 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy in World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Rachael E. Driscoll; three sons, Howard B. Driscoll of Hamilton, Clifford E. Driscoll of Markle and Michael G. Driscoll of Warren; six daughters, Delores King and Iris Hendricks, both of Bluffton, Mary Jo Gibson of Battle Creek, Mich., Janet Tabor of Oklahoma, Lois Meyers of Tennessee and Nancy Emobley of Poneto; three sisters, Lillian Mitchell of Kendallville, Mildred Rollins of Muncie and Bertina Sammons of Oregon; 31 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Rebecca, preceded him in death.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton. Burial will be at Six Mile Cemetery, Bluffton.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. today and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the chapel.

Memorials are to Wells County Catastrophic care of Wells Fargo Bank.Arnett of Fort Wayne and Joan Boone of Phoenix, Ariz.; three grandchildren, Sasha, Rich and Kyle Skinner; and one great-grandson, Jason Skinner.

Four brothers and four sisters preceded him in death.

The Rev. Paul E. Paino will officiate at Saturday's service.

Calling is Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Marvin Durr

AUBURN — Marvin E. "Jack" Durr, 83, died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2001, at Wesley Health Care Center. He lived in Auburn and was a former resident of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Durr retired from Hipskind Asphalt in 1981. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was a founding member of the 163rd Fighter Squadron at Baer Field.

He was a native of Craigville and a 50-year member of three organizations — American Legion Post 330 in New Haven, Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 242 in Bluffton, and Maumee Masonic Lodge 725. He also was a member of Scottish Rite and Mizpah Temple in Fort Wayne and South Wayne Baptist Church.

Mr. Durr was born Feb. 23, 1918, in Wells County to Cora (Brown) and Oliver Durr.

He married Maxine Krauter, who survives.

Also surviving him are one daughter, Dixie Durr of Lansing, Mich.; two sisters, Velma Henke and Betty Van Zant, both of Kendallville; and several nieces and nephews.

Six brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Karen Torrez, chaplain at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, will officiate, with military honors by American Legion Post 330. Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. Masonic services will be held Sunday at 8 p.m. by Masonic Lodge 725.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice, 1316 E. Seventh St., P.O. Box 542, Auburn IN 46706, or Wesley Health Care Center, 1715 Wesley Road, Auburn IN 46706.

Area Deaths

ROME CITY — **Charlene E. Walburn**, 57, died Wednesday at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, with calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

LAGRANGE — **Michael A. Mains**, 50, died Thursday at home in rural LaGrange. Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with calling 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

LAGRANGE — **Freeman H. Mishler**, 48, died today at home in rural LaGrange. Services are 9:30 a.m. Monday at the family home, 2730S C.R. 050W, LaGrange, with calling after 1 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday.

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Jeanne Flora

FORT WAYNE — Jeanne A. Flora, 83, died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2001, in Renaissance Village Health Care Center, Fort Wayne.

She was a high school vocal and elementary music teacher in the Garrett-Keyser-Butler Community School District from 1952 to 1959, when she became J.E. Ober Elementary School's music specialist. She retired in 1971.

Mrs. Flora received her bachelor of music degree from DePauw University in 1938 and continued her education at Saint Francis College and Indiana University in Fort Wayne. She attended the Fred Waring Workshop at Delaware Water Gap, Pa., and gave private voice and piano lessons, beginning in 1945.

She also worked at Messenger Corp. and Dana Corp. in Auburn from 1948 to 1952.

She formerly lived in Auburn and Florida. She was a member of Tavares United Methodist Church in Tavares, Fla.

Mrs. Flora was born Sept. 16, 1917, in Auburn to John H. and Winifred (Kutzner) Buss.

She married John E. Flora, who died Nov. 12, 1987. He also was a teacher in the Garrett schools for many years.

Surviving her are two sons, John E. Flora of Fort Wayne and Kenneth G. Flora of Gretna, La.; and four grandchildren.

Two sisters, Mary Elizabeth Buss and Edith McKenzie, preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 2 p.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Tavares United Methodist Church music department or the First United Methodist Church music department in Auburn.

Mildred Myers

AUBURN — Mildred V. (King) Myers, 89, died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2001, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Myers was a clerk at J.C. Penney Co. for 22 years, retiring in 1975. She was a member of the First Christian Church, Auburn.

She was born Feb. 18, 1912, in Geneva, Ind., to William G. and Minnie M. (Durst) King.

She married Voyle W. Myers, who preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one son, William Myers of Garrett; one daughter, Jeanne Underhill of Poway, Calif.; five grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Myrtle Casselman; one brother, John King; one grandson, Jeffrey Underhill, and one granddaughter, Amy Durant.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with Pastor William Craig officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 p.m. and Monday from 10-11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church.

Randy Anglin

KENDALLVILLE — Randy Lee Anglin, 38, died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2001, at his home in Kendallville.

Mr. Anglin was a graduate of DeKalb High School. He moved from Auburn and had lived in Kendallville about four weeks.

He was born in Kendallville on July 27, 1963, to Douglas M. Anglin, who died July 23, 1972, and Irene (Conley) Summers, who survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a twin brother, Ricky Lynn Anglin of California; his maternal grandmother, Bertha Conley of Stroh; and several aunts and uncles.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh, pastor of the Freewill Baptist Church, Auburn, officiating. Burial will be next to his father in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling is Monday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Edith Tassler

FORT WAYNE — Edith "Becky" Tassler, 72, died Friday, Sept. 7, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Tassler was a cook at Lutheran Hospital, retiring in 1995, and worked for Chick-Fil-A for six years. She was a member of the West Main Street Church of the Nazarene and enjoyed playing the organ, gardening and cake decorating.

She was born in Fort Wayne on July 16, 1925, to Hugh and Ruth (Krewson) Jackson. She married Levi Tassler in Fort Wayne on Aug. 3, 1947, and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Michael L. and Dale Tassler, both of Fort Wayne, and Thomas Tassler of Wawaka; six daughters, Patricia A. Nash, Shirley J. Tassler, Rebecca K. Goings, Cheryl A. Phelps and Becky Dean, all of Fort Wayne, and Carol S. Jackson of Radcliff, Ky.; six brothers, Hugh Jackson of Duquesne, Pa., George Jackson, James Jackson and Albert Jackson, all of Fort Wayne, Donald Jackson of Seal Beach, Calif., and Noel "Gene" Jackson of Auburn; two sisters, Virginia Crick and Laura Mae Schey, both of Fort Wayne; 25 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Paul Tassler, in 1999, and a brother, Robert Jackson.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and one hour before services at the funeral home.

Memorials to the West Main Street Church of the Nazarene

Juel Taylor

Angola — 1927-2001

el Taylor, 74, of Angola and formerly of Auburn, died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2001, at Lakeland Nursing Center.

The Big Rock, Va., native was a homemaker. Surviving are a son, Larry Rogers of Pleasant Lake; daughters Laurie Broxon of Angola and Debrah Mason of Fremont; brothers L.C., Bill and Roy, both of Pueblo, Colo., Vern of Bristol, Tenn., and Edsil of Amarillo, Texas; sisters Mickie Brown of Bristol, Tenn., and Hazel Meadors of Duck River, Tenn.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister. There are no services or calling. Memorials are to the Cameron Hospice or Steuben County Cancer Society.

Information provided by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, 1-219-665-3111.

Jose Luis Garza

Plymouth

Jose Luis Garza, 29, of Plymouth, a native of Metamoras, Mexico, died Saturday, Sept. 8, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He worked for W.A. Sheets & Sons Constructin Co. in Fort Wayne as a drywall finisher and construction laborer. He was active in Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver and was formerly of Fort Wayne. Surviving are his wife, Laura L.; daughters Brycelyn E. and Taylor I., both at home; his father and mother, Luis and Francisca of Metamoras, Mexico; a sister, Veronica Garza of Metamoras, Mexico; a brother, Sergio H. of Indianapolis; and his grandparents, Dimas Cruz Balderas and Guadelupe Hernandes Galvan, both of Mexico. Mass of Christian Burial is 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Plymouth. Services are also at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Wesley United Methodist Church, Culver, with calling from 2 p.m. until services. Burial will be at a later date. Memorials are to the Garza Children Fund C/O Fifth Third Bank in Culver.

Information provided by Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, 1-219-892-5113.

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Don Levoid Hay

WATERLOO — Don Levoid Hay, 89, died Saturday, Sept. 8, 2001, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home, Butler.

Mr. Hay was born April 17, 1912, in Elkhart, the son of Delvin Hay and Golda (Stofer) Bartles.

He was a retired pressman for Messenger Corp. in Auburn, retiring in 1977.

He was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Auburn and past treasurer of the Local Printing Pressman's Club. He also was a past band member of the Auburn Union Traveling American Legion Band.

On July 18, 1931, he married Leah Goe, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Thurlow and Gail Hay of Auburn, and Gladwyn and Nancy Hay of Fort Wayne; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Leola and Joe Saunders of Tiffin, Ohio and Thais and Steve Ward of Coshocton, Ohio; 17 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter, and a nephew, Delvin Hay of Fort Wayne.

A daughter, Donna Watson, and a brother, Dale Hay, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the First Church of the Nazarene in Auburn, with the Rev. John Kinsey officiating.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the First Church of the Nazarene building fund.

Evening Star, Sunday, Sept. 9, 2001 (cont'd)

Alma Louise Enz

WOLCOTTVILLE — Alma Louise Enz, 59, Wolcottville, died Friday, Sept. 7, 2001, at Midland House, Indianapolis.

Mrs. Enz was born Sept. 19, 1941, in Fort Wayne, to Noel and LaVerne (Stein) Ewert. Both her parents survive in Columbia City. She married E. Neil Enz on Dec. 16, 1961, in Fort Wayne, and he survives.

She worked as an antique dealer and in Amish transportation service. She had lived at Pretty Lake for the last 30 years.

She was a member of the First Church Christ Scientist, Boston, Mass., and the Kendallville Christian Science Society.

In addition to her parents and husband, she is also survived by two daughters, Denise Enz of Pretty Lake and Nicole Velpel of Angola; three sisters, Nola Kay Jetmore of Roanoke, Beth Ann Welch of Columbia City and Dora Lee Duckworth of Granby, Colo.; and two grandchildren, Joshua and Jason Worden of Pretty Lake.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Larry Ewert.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Eulogist will be Katherine Pennington. Memorials are to Midland House, 3940 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, IN, 46220.

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THE EVENING STAR
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2001

LeRoy Jinnings

HAMILTON — LeRoy Jinnings, 86, died Saturday, Sept. 8, 2001, at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

He was a dairy farmer for 35 years and worked at Simpson Industries in Fremont, retiring in 1980. He lived most of his life in DeKalb County.

Mr. Jinnings was born Sept. 8, 1915, in Troy Township, DeKalb County, to Roy and Emma Jinnings.

He married Estilene Shaull of Edon, Ohio, in 1935, and she survives.

Also surviving him are two daughters, Carolyn Stayer of Auburn and Marilyn Snyder of Butler; two sons, John Jinnings of Waterloo and Thomas Jinnings of Hamilton; nine grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A brother, Loren E. Jinnings, M.D., and a sister, Laura Seltenright, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, with the Rev. Donald Meyers officiating. Burial will be in Edon Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Calvary Lutheran Church of Angola.

Juanita Hart

KENDALLVILLE — Juanita M. "Nene" Hart, 81, died at 10:58 a.m. Friday, Sept. 7, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

On Sept. 11, 1919, in LaOtto, she was born to Conrad and Josephine (Gorrell) Beltz. She married Mahlon K. Hart on April 25, 1942, in Auburn. He preceded her in death on Nov. 15, 1981.

She worked at St. James Restaurant in Avilla for 12 years as a waitress, and then worked as a cook at Kendallville Central Middle School for 20 years before retiring.

Mrs. Hart was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto, the Euchre Club, the Swanettes Club, the Noble County Home Extension Club, the LaOtto Fire Department Auxiliary and a past member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church council.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Sherry Hart of Fort Wayne, and Ronald and Maxine Hart of Hudson; a son, Jeffery Hart of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and David McNutt of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Jenny Wolford of Kendallville; two sisters, Martha Horn of Fort Wayne, and Margaret "Tot" Persons of Kendallville; a brother, Robert Beltz of Danville, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services were today at 11 a.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, LaOtto. Burial was in Huntertown Cemetery following services.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, was in charge of arrangements.

Evening Star, Mon., Sept. 10, 2001 (cont'd)

Thelma Brown

GARRETT — Thelma G. Brown, 85, died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2001, at 6:25 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and a longtime resident of Garrett. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Garrett for 67 years and served on the Alumni School Committee.

Mrs. Brown

Mrs. Brown was born Jan. 15, 1916, in Williams County, Ohio, to Cecil and Orpha (Franks) Case.

She married George Brown in 1935 and he died in 1984.

Surviving her are three sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Barbara Brown of Bronson, Mich., G. David and Kay Brown of Broomfield, Colo., and John P. and Dianna Brown of Lafayette; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Carolyn and John McBride of Fremont, Norma Jean Dodenhoff of Fort Wayne, and Janice and Roland Vasconcellos of Bryan, Ohio; one brother, Max Case of Daytona Beach, Fla.; two sisters, Pauline Surfus of Detroit, Mich., and Marie Boyd of Angola; 15 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

One brother, Earl Case, and one sister, Norma Workman, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to the church or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Ralph M. Wetzel,** 81, rural Churubusco, died Sunday. Services at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco. Calling from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Phyllis Nidlinger

DECATUR — Phyllis A. Nidlinger, 74, died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2001, in Adams County Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Nidlinger was a homemaker and lived in Decatur. She was a charter member of the Crossroad Church in Decatur, where she was active in the Crossroad Prime Timers and coordinator of visitation and greeting. She was a member of Gideons International Auxiliary, Adams County Memorial Floor Angels, Live and Learn Home Economics Club, Christian Women's Club, Adams County Historical Society, and Swim Aquatics at Bellmont High School. She also did other volunteer work.

She was born Dec. 2, 1926, in Adams County to Lewis and Leona (Walker) Stump.

She married Warren Nidlinger Jr. on Aug. 25, 1946, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Pamela K. and Keith Scranton of Auburn, and Sheila R. and Estle Townsend Jr. of Decatur; one son, John D. Nidlinger of Decatur; one brother, Russell L. Stump of Decatur; one sister, Maxine Myers of Decatur; and seven grandchildren.

Two half-brothers, Carl and Norman Noack, preceded her in death.

Celebration of life services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Crossroad Church, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Additional calling is today from 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur.

Memorials are to Gideons International, Cancer Fund at the Adams County Foundation, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Suzanne Berger

LIVONIA, Mich. — Suzanne J. (Luce) Berger, 71, died Aug. 28, 2001, in Southfield, Mich.

Mrs. Berger was a homemaker and lived in Livonia, Mich. She was a 1948 graduate of Waterloo High School.

She was born Aug. 23, 1930, in Waterloo to Carl and Rose Luce.

Surviving her are her husband, Francis; four sons and daughters-in-law, John and Jennifer Berger, Steven and Yvonne Berger, Jeffrey and Sherry Berger, and Timothy and Jennifer Berger; three daughters and sons-in-law, Rosellen and Arthur Bauman, Suzanne and Larry Kuhn, and Sharon and Brian Hodges; a sister, Marilyn Sattison of Angola; and 20 grandchildren.

A son, James, preceded her in death.

Services were held Aug. 31 in St. Robert Bellarmine Church. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery.

L.J. Griffin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Evening Star, Tues., Sept. 11, 2001 (cont'd)

Donald Hay

AUBURN — Donald Levoid Hay, 89, died Saturday, Sept. 8, 2001, at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home, Butler.

Mr. Hay was a pressman for Messenger Corp. in Auburn, retiring in 1977. He lived in Auburn and was a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Auburn. He was past treasurer of the Local Printing Pressman's Union. He was a past member of the Auburn Traveling American Legion Band.

He was born April 17, 1912, in Elkhart to Delvin Hay and Golda (Stofer) Bartles.

He married Leah Goe on July 18, 1931, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Thurlow and Gail Hay of Auburn, and Gladwyn and Nancy Hay of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Leola and Joe Saunders of Tiffin, Ohio, and Thais and the Rev. Steve Ward of Coshocton, Ohio; 17 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter and a nephew, Delvin Hay of Fort Wayne.

A daughter, Donna Watson, and a brother, Dale Hay, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, with calling after 9 a.m. The Rev. John Kinsey will officiate.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the church building fund.

Katherine Dewart

ALBION — Katherine "Kathy" Dewart, 54, Albion, died at 8:44 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, 2001, at home.

On April 1, 1947, in Auburn, she was born at Clyde Priest and Mable K. Marline. On June 27, 1991, she married Tom Dewart.

Mrs. Dewart was employed as a production/group leader at Magnovox for 18 years.

She was a member of Albion American Legion Post 246, Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion, Linville Fitness Center and Friends Cancer Survivors Support Group of DeKalb County.

Surviving are: a son and daughter-in-law, David L. and Christine Turo Shields, Indianapolis; a son, Dean A. Shields, Indianapolis; a sister, Nila Hinkley, Ashley; three step-daughters and step sons-in-law, Dawn and Curt Schenher, Tina and Mike Adams and Kim and Darin Wingert, all of Churubusco; one half-brother, Roland Priest, Bay Minette, Ala.; two half-sisters, Dona Miller, Kendallville, and Carol Burlew, San Angelo, Texas; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Hershell D. Shields on July 11, 1989, her parents, a brother, Bernard Priest, and a half-sister, Walmeta Price, Garrett.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home in Albion with the Rev. Brenda Ginder officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church or Friends Cancer Survivors Support Group of DeKalb County.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2001

Wallace Carruthers

AUBURN — Dr. Wallace Belton Carruthers, 79, died Sept. 1, 2001, at 10 p.m. in his Auburn home.

Dr. Carruthers, M.D.C.M. and F.A.C.S, was board-certified as a general surgeon in Canada and in the United States as a Fellow of the American College of Surgery.

He came to Auburn in 1977 and served as chief of staff at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in 1983, before retiring in 1984.

He was born Nov. 5, 1921, in Saskatchewan, Canada, to Dr. Charles and Eileen (Belton) Carruthers.

He married Louise Weiler Carruthers, who preceded him in death.

Surviving him are a daughter, Dr. Catherine Elizabeth Carruthers of Gainesville, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Christopher Wallace Carruthers and Barbara Carruthers of Chatham, Ontario, Canada; five stepchildren, Kristin, Kendra, Kay, Kennis and Albert; one brother and sister-in-law, Bruce and Kay Carruthers, and four nieces, Susan, Lizbeth, Becky and Lynn.

One brother, Dr. Neil Carruthers, preceded him in death.

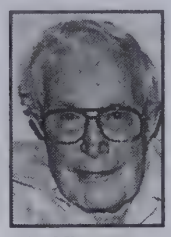
Services were held Saturday in St. Andrew's United Church in Chatham, with the Rev. Dennis Landry officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery at Sarnia, Ontario.

McKinlay Funeral Home in Chatham and Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo were in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Virgil Kimes Sr.

AUBURN — Virgil H. Kimes Sr., 90, died Monday, Sept. 10, 2001, at 4:50 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.


Mr. Kimes

Mr. Kimes was a custodian at the DeKalb County Courthouse from 1959 to 1975, when he retired. He was a former employee of the Auburn Automobile Co. and Magnavox Co. in Fort Wayne and a former truck driver for Universal Tool & Stamping Co. in Butler.

He was a former member of the Lions clubs in Auburn and St. Joe-Spencerville and a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

Mr. Kimes was born March 6, 1911, in Allen County to Chariles and Viola (Hay) Kimes.

He married Dorothy Kelley on May 3, 1934, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Virgil Kimes Jr. and Barbara Kimes of Auburn; two daughters and one son-in-law, Carolyn Sinclair of Nesquehonia, Pa., and Lois and William Shull of Butler; one brother, Bernard Kimes of Fort Wayne; one sister, Kathryn McEwen of Mount Dora, Fla.; 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Dianne Kimes, four brothers, one sister and one grandson, Denny Akey, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, with calling after 9 a.m. The Rev. John Kinsey will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is today from 2-4 and 6 -8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of the Nazarene building fund.

Clarence Eley Sr.

AUBURN — Clarence L. Eley Sr., 82, of Auburn, died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

He was a U.S. Army Reserve technician for 14 years, retiring in 1979. He also was a body man for Rohm Chevrolet in Auburn for three years, and worked a total of 20 years in various auto repair businesses.

Mr. Eley was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and served in Vietnam as a master sergeant. He was a member of the American Legion and Vietnam Veterans, and was a past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Angola.

He belonged to the Garrett Presbyterian Church, Masonic Lodge 214 and the Quarter Century Radio Club and was a former member of the Northeast Indiana Amateur Radio Club.

He was born April 15, 1919, in Albion.

Surviving are his wife, Arlene D. (Lane) Eley of Auburn; two sons, Clarence L. Eley Jr. of Auburn and Stephen L. Eley of Lake Orion, Mich.; two daughters, Lee Ann Eley of Dallas and Jane I. Kayser of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Leone Hamon of Goshen and Annabelle Weaver of Elkhart; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mildred Rahe and Clara Butler.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from noon-1 p.m. at the funeral home. A Masonic service will begin Thursday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospitals.

Warren Lear

GREENCASTLE — Warren E. "Bo" Lear, 82, of Greencastle, died Monday, Sept. 10, 2001, at Putnam County Hospital in Greencastle.

A Greencastle High School graduate, Mr. Lear served in the military police for the United States Army from 1941-45. He was retired from GTE, where he worked as a lineman, on the test board and in various other positions. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Greencastle, and one of the founders of Little League baseball in Greencastle, serving as a coach for Little League and the Babe Ruth League for many years.

He was inducted into the Babe Ruth Hall of Fame and received the Joe Boland Award for Service to the Youth of Indiana from the Indiana Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association in 1992.

He was born April 22, 1919, in Greencastle to Walter and Martha (King) Lear. On May 19, 1950, he married Betty Crawley, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard and Patricia Lear of Fishers, William and Claudette Lear of Kendallville and Timothy Lear of California; a daughter, Anne Lear of Indianapolis; and six grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by four brothers, Paul, Frances, Walter and Leroy Lear, and two sisters, Nona Sage and Hazel Plank.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Bittles and Hurt Funeral Home in Greencastle. Calling will be Thursday at the funeral home from 4-8 p.m. Burial will follow at a later date. Memorials are to the Big Walnut Sports Park, P.O. Box 96, Greencastle, IN 46135.

Kathleen Rumsey

BRONSON, Mich. — Kathleen M. Rumsey, 55, died Saturday, Sept. 8, 2001, at The Laurels of Coldwater after an illness of several years.

Mrs. Rumsey was a homemaker and lived in Bronson. She graduated from Prairie Heights High School in 1965.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Sturgis, Mich., and the American Legion Auxiliary of Bronson. She enjoyed reading, flower gardening, playing cards and baby-sitting.

She was born May 6, 1946, in Bronson to Fred and Maybelle (Washburn) Hostetler. They survive in Reading, Mich.

She married Verl Rumsey on March 1, 1968, in LaGrange, and he survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Dustina and Scott Cooper of Birmingham, Mich., Melissa and Tad Graham of Bronson, and Theresa and Michael Holly of Grandville, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Cheryl Rumsey of Middlebury, and James and Krissa Rumsey of Ann Arbor, Mich.; two brothers, Dwight "Butch" Hostetler of Fort Wayne, and Dennis Hostetler of Hudson; two sisters, Karen Heffelfinger of Reading and Wanda Staldler of Westerville, Ohio; and four grandchildren.

Services were held today at 12:30 p.m. (Indiana time) in Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson, with the Rev. Cal Kozlow of Trinity Lutheran Church, Sturgis, officiating. Burial was to be in Bronson Cemetery.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to www.kolcz.com.

Valarie Gehringer

BRONSON, Mich. — Valarie A. Gehringer, 66, died Saturday, Sept. 8, 2001, at Battle Creek Health System after an illness of several months.

Mrs. Gehringer had lived in Bronson since August 1985 and worked at Bunch's Shop Rite in Orland for the past eight years. She was a member of St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church in Bronson. She enjoyed reading, camping, bowling and playing cards.

She was born May 5, 1935, in Detroit to John C. and Agnes (Huber) Bebeau. Her mother survives in Grand Rapids, Mich., and her father is deceased.

She married Charles Gehringer on Oct. 6, 1956, in Christ the King Catholic Church in Redford, Mich., and he survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Denise and Patrick Davis of Westland, Mich., Karen and Marty Bliven of Belleville, Mich., Carol and John Maclean of Belleville, Ann Marie and Robert Sheldon of Wixom, Mich., and Theresa Gehringer of Redford; two sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph and Wendy Gehringer of Romulus, Mich., and Edward and Sandra Gehringer of Plymouth, Mich.; a brother, Jack Bebeau of Temperance, Mich.; 15 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

A brother, Charles Bebeau and sister, Barbara Dzierzyc, preceded her in death.

Services were held today at 9 a.m. (Indiana time) in St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church, with Rev. Father Richard Fritz officiating. Prayers before Mass were held at 8:30 a.m. (Indiana time) in Klocz Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to www.kolcz.com.

Virginia Moser

LONGVIEW, Texas — Virginia E. Moser, 78, died Monday, Sept. 10, 2001, in a hospital in Tyler, Texas.

She had worked as an administrative secretary for Tri-State College at Angola. She was a member of the Daughters of the Nile, Order of Eastern Star, Gamma Nu Sorority and the Orthodox Christian Church.

She was born Nov. 23, 1922, in Fort Wayne. Her husband, Oscar L. Moser, preceded her in death.

Surviving are one son, Steven Moser of Dallas; a daughter, Cheryl Moser of Flint, Texas; a granddaughter and her husband, Victoria and Kent Young of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and three nieces, Debra Sparks and Kim Sparks, both of Dayton, Ohio, and Dina Rufo of Largo, Fla.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Longview, Texas. There will be no calling.

Lakeview Funeral Home, Longview, is in charge of arrangements.

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Dorsey Sowles

AUBURN — Dorsey D. Sowles, 70, died today, Sept. 13, 2001, at 1 a.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Sowles was an assembler at Dana Corp. and a truck driver, retiring in 1981 with 30 years of service. He formerly lived in Montpelier, Ohio, where he had worked for the City of Montpelier. He attended Dayspring Community Church in Auburn.

He was born June 21, 1931, in Auburn to J.E. and Nina (Collins) Sowles. His mother survives in LaGrange and his father preceded him in death.

He married Viola Purk on May 13, 1950, in Akron, Ind., and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Dorsey Wayne Sowles of North Carolina; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Judy Beard of Auburn, Janet and Steve Carper of Auburn, and June and Rick Fifer of Hamilton; five brothers, Leon Sowles of Auburn, Donald Sowles of Garrett, Ronald Sowles of Albion, and Eugene Sowles and Lloyd Sowles, both of Talaquah, Okla.; three sisters, Betty Sauders of New Haven, Sandra Curtis of LaGrange, and Diana Strong of Atlanta, Ga.; seven grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

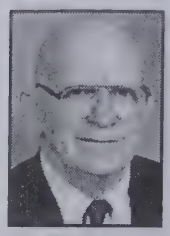
Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Dayspring Community Church, 1700 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Bill Lyne will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Additional calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or Dayspring Community Church.

Robert Doty

ANGOLA — Robert Franklin "Bob" Doty, 76, died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, at his Angola home.



Mr. Doty

Mr. Doty was a pioneer in early television, working in all areas of the emerging industry, from stage manager for live television and as an announcer, program director and general manager.

He began his career in 1949 At WKY-TV in Oklahoma City. He joined WSFA-TV, an ABC affiliate, in Montgomery, Ala., and worked there during the Montgomery bus boycott. He joined WTVT-Channel 13 in Tampa, Fla., in 1956, as operations manager. He became general manager of WPHL-TV in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1968. He was program manager for Channel 9 ABC in Orlando, Fla., before ending his career as vice president and general manager for CBS station WINK AM-FM TV in Fort Myers, Fla. He retired to Angola, where he and his wife owned and operated Video One in Angola for 10 years.

Mr. Doty was a Rotarian and served as a volunteer for Project Help in Angola and the Boys Club of Tampa.

He graduated from Central High School in Fort Wayne, where he played guard on the 1943 Indiana state basketball championship team, the Central High School Tigers. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1943 and served as a radar technician on the aircraft carrier USS Cowpens. He attended the University of Colorado in Denver after his military service.

He was born Nov. 13, 1924, in Fort Wayne to John Harold and Grace (Dailey) Doty.

He married Barbara Ann Harris on Dec. 25, 1946, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Janece Doty Word of Santa Monica, Calif.; two sons, John Harris Doty of Gainesville, Fla., and James Matthew Doty of Auburn; a sister, Joanne Doty Nahrwald; six nieces and nephews, and 12 great-nieces and great-nephews.

A sister, Marjorie Pauline Doty, and a brother, William Gordon Doty, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 910 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn.

Memorials are to the church.

Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Julie Ann Bontrager

MILLERSBURG — Julie Ann Bontrager, 23 months, of Millersburg, died Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Sept. 14, 1999, to Eugene and Barbara (Lehman) Bontrager, who survive in Millersburg.

Also surviving are a brother, Daryl Dean, and two sisters, Wanda Jean and Karen Renee, of Millersburg; her grandparents, Leo and Martha Bontrager of Topeka and Walter and Esther Lehman of Middlebury; her great-grandparents, Katie Bontrager of Ligonier, Jacob and Lena Miller of LaGrange and Mary A. Lehman of Middlebury; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be held Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Orva Bontrager, with Bishop Harvey Bontrager and the Rev. Dennis Troyer officiating. Calling will be at the Orva Bontrager home Thursday after 1 p.m. and all day Friday.

Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka. Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Patricia Seaney

FORT WAYNE — Patricia Ann Seaney, 72, died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, at The Arbors of Fort Wayne.

She was born Feb. 2, 1929, in Auburn.

Surviving her are her mother, Goldie Friend of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Julie Ward and Jenny Berger, both of Fort Wayne; and four cousins.

Her father, Cecil Friend, and two sons, Daniel and Michael Seaney, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

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Lowell Dean Stacy Jr.

STROH — Lowell Dean Stacy Jr., 47, of Cedar Park, Texas, died after a battle with cancer.

He was raised in Stroh and moved as an adult to Coldwater, Mich., where he was employed with Wickes Lumber. A 1980 job transfer took him to Grapevine, Texas in 1980 and to Austin, Texas in 1982. He then took jobs with Doyle Wilson Home Builders, Austin Homes, Legacy Properties and Centex Homes. He enjoyed watching Dale Earnhart in NASCAR races.

He was born July 31, 1954 in Hazard, Ky., to Lowell Dean Sr. and Juanita (Godsey) Stacy. On Dec. 9, 1978, he married Cheryl Murdock, who survives at home.

Also surviving are a son, Lowell Dean Stacy III of Cedar Park; his mother, of Wolcottville; a sister, Joyce Ann Messer of Wolcottville; and two nephews, Jamie and Justin Messer of Wolcottville.

His father preceded him in death.

Services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Cook-Walden Chapel of the Hills Funeral Home in Austin, with calling from 8 .m.-2 p.m. A second service will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Hindman Funeral Services in Hindman, Ky. Calling will be Sunday at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Kenneth Stacy, Luther, Otis, Marcus, Ronald and Leon Godsey, and Paul, Carl and Michael Murdock. Honorary pallbearers will be Tom Lynch, Don Hayter, Dennis Ciani, Jeff Palmer, Brian Repolge, Bruce McNeil, John Harris, Ray Michael and Gary Meir.

Memorials in lieu of flowers are to the American Cancer Society.

Carlie Tuttle Sr.

TOPEKA — Carlie Tuttle Sr., 76, died Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2001, at the home of his daughter in Topeka.

He was a United States Army veteran of World War II and had retired from Newnam Foundry in Kendallville in 1986 after 23 years of service. He was a 30-year resident of Kendallville.

He was born Nov. 24, 1924, to William and Minerva (Lewis) Tuttle. On July 1, 1948 in Prestonsburg, Ky., he married Louise Collins, and she preceded him in death April 28, 1986. He married Mary Johnson in Kendallville in 1991, and she survives of LaGrange.

Also surviving are three daughters and son-in-law, Sandra K. and Harrison Hicks of Topeka, Sheila and James Slone of Mount Sterline, Ky., and Linda and Denver Sparkman of Albion; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Farrell and Kathy Tuttle of Kendallville, Jim Tuttle of Spencerville, Roger and Lora Tuttle of Hindman and Carlie Jr. and Aimee Tuttle of Avilla; 21 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Delores Prater of Saint Marys, Ohio.

A daughter, Mary Anna Tuttle, four sisters and nine brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Kendallville, with elders Russell Hicks and Morris Wicker officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville and Friday after noon at the church, with a 6 p.m. service.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

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Frances Hewitt

READING, Mich. — Frances Juanita Hewitt, 69, died Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2001, in Hillsdale Community Health Center.

Mrs. Hewitt was a graduate of Camden-Frontier High School and provided home care to the elderly for many years. She lived in Reading, Mich.

She was born April 23, 1932, in Steuben County, Ind., to Glenwood Francis and Virginia M. (Lowe) Demorest. Her mother survives in Angola and her father is deceased.

She married Wayne Hewitt in 1979 and he died in 1984.

Surviving her are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Raedene and Dennis Newell of Reading, Dana Robinstine of Camden, and Elizabeth and Gary Churchwell of Camden; four sons and three daughters-in-law, James "Casey" Mailahn of Texas, Bradley and Suzy Mailahn of Texas, Michael and Tammy Mailahn of Tennessee, and Troy and Heather Hewitt of Reading; one brother and sister-in-law, Cornelius and Jean Demorest of Portsmouth, N.H.; 20 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Kenneth and Francis Mailahn, and one daughter, Georgia Anne Mailahn.

Memorial services will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in George White Funeral Home, Reading, with the Rev. Alan Fenstermaker officiating. Burial will be in Columbia Cemetery in Columbia, Ohio.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association.

Letha Myers

BRONSON, Mich. — Letha M. Myers, 66, died Thursday, Sept. 13, 2001, at the Community Health Center of Branch County.

Mrs. Myers retired from Bronson Plating Co. after many years of employment. She lived most of her life in the Bronson area and enjoyed gardening, playing cards and puzzles.

She was born Jan. 30, 1935, to Roscoe and Ruby Bupp.

She married Donald E. Myers on March 29, 1959, in Sturgis, Mich. He died Aug. 2, 1983.

Surviving her are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Cindy Myers of Litchfield, Mich., and Bill and Becky Myers of Bronson; two daughters and one son-in-law, Leota and Carlon "Eddie" Rumsey of Bronson, and Ruby Myers of Bronson; one brother, Jim Myers of Ohio; two sisters, Jan Myers of Orland and Bertha Myers of England; 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter and two brothers.

Services will be held Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. (Indiana time) in Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson. Burial will be in Bronson Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the oncology unit at Community Health Care Center of Branch County.

Condolences may be sent to www.kolcz.com.z

Richard Andrews

CLANTON, Ala. — Richard D. Andrews, 72, died Thursday, Sept. 13, 2001, in his home at Clanton. He had been ill for about a year.

Born Aug. 11, 1929, in Garrett, he was the son of Lawrence Andrews and Nona (Quigley) Carter.

Mr. Andrews had lived in Garrett until moving to Clanton about 10 years ago. He was a truck driver.

He was a member of the Lomax Independent Church of Clanton and Garrett Masonic Lodge 537 F&AM.

Surviving are his wife, Peggy (McBride) Andrews of Clanton; one son, Bobby Andrews of Decatur; one daughter, Carla Duckworth of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren; and four brothers, Carl Andrews of Garrett, his twin brother Erle Andrews of Garrett, Robert Andrews of Bryan, Texas, and Ralph Andrews of New Port Richey, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Beverly Tucker.

A graveside service will be held at a later date at Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett. Pastor Lane Andrews will officiate.

Judy Martin Funeral Home, Clanton, Ala. is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to New Life Ministries, 130 N. Randolph St., Garrett, IN 46738.

Kenneth Arnold

AVILLA — Kenneth R. Arnold, 85, died Thursday, Sept. 13, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

He graduated from Huntertown High School and had lived in Avilla since 1941. He worked as a salesman for Watkins Products and Knapp Shoes, and was a founding member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

He was born Oct. 5, 1915, in Eel River Township in Allen County to Henry Mont and Lillia (Ott) Arnold. He married Dolores Stonestreet on Sept. 7, 1940, in Churubusco. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are two sons, Daniel L. Arnold of Fort Wayne and Mont Arnold of LaGrange; three daughters, Lola Rogers of North Potomac, Md., Sarah Gambi of LaHulpe, Belgium, and Celeste Niles of Burlington, New Jersey; 12 grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

Four brothers, Henry Forest, George Harold, Donald Montgomery and Ralph Carl Arnold, and a sister, Anna Catherine Leech, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla.

Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to the church.

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Charles J. Yoder

LIGONIER — Charles Jacob Yoder, 83, died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, in Goshen General Hospital following an auto accident.

A graduate of Cromwell High School, he was a retired car salesman and a member of the Ligonier Evangelical Church. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He enjoyed gardening and woodworking.

He was born March 25, 1918, in Kosciusko County to Leander and Aura (Weimer) Yoder. On Sept. 1, 1940, in Kimmell, he married Delma Wright, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Charleen Martin of Ligonier; two sons, Steve Yoder of South Windsor, Conn., and John Yoder of Eugene, Ore.; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Walter Yoder of Markle; and several nieces and nephews.

A sister preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Ligonier Evangelical Church, with the Rev. Hubert Harriman officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 3-7 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell. Memorials are to the church.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2001

George McDaniels

KENDALLVILLE — George McDaniels, 71, died Friday, Sept. 14, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. McDaniels was born Jan. 23, 1930, to John and Mallie (Patrick) McDaniels.

Mr. McDaniels retired from Reliable Tool in 1991 after 17 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Vernice (Salisbury) McDaniels, whom he married March 24, 1951, in Prestonsburg, Ky.

Also surviving him are a son and daughter-in-law, Rex and Carol McDaniels of Kendallville, two other sons, Ray McDaniels of Boca Raton, Fla., and Harlan McDaniels of Kendallville; two sisters, Lula Hall of Beattyville, Ky., and Dovie Collins of Martin, Ky.; five granddaughters, Kari McDaniels, Sheila McDaniels and Renae McDaniels, all of Kendallville, Aimie Morse of Corunna and Chasity Collins of Fort Wayne; seven great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Cleburn and Leburn McDaniels, one sister, Lilly Noble, and one great-grandson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2001

Mildred Seymoure Young

KENDALLVILLE — Mildred I. Seymoure Young, 87, died at 3 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

Mrs. Young

The 1932 graduate of Kendallville High School attended Manchester Teachers College from 1932-1934. She began teaching in South Milford, teaching there from 1934-1939. After raising her children she went back to teaching at Albion Elementary School from 1956 until her retirement in 1973.

She lived in Pleasant Lake for 29 years during her second marriage. She was a member of the retired teacher's associations in Noble and Steuben counties, the Steuben County Home Ec Club, the Salem Township Study Club, and Stroh Church of Christ and its Ladies Aid. She was a 50-year member of Prentiss Chapter 178, Order of the Eastern Star, Albion.

She was born Jan. 16, 1914, in Milford Township, LaGrange County, to Frederick Earl and Inez Belle (Milbourn) Shroyer.

On April 29, 1939, in Stroh she married Frederick J. Seymoure, who died July 31, 1972. On Aug. 18, 1973, at First Presbyterian Church, Albion, she married Bion A. Young, who died March 20, 2000.

A brother, Harold Shroyer, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Diana and Larry L. Leffel and Cathy Seymoure, all of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Carol Seymoure of Peru; three stepsons and their wives, Lloyd and Sally Young of Washington, Ind., Keith and Judy Young of Pleasant Lake and Everett and Nancy Young of Kemper, Texas; two stepdaughters, Lois Hand and her husband, Richard Hand, of Greenville, S.C., and Martha Gatton of Fishers; seven grandchildren, 16 stepgrandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and 21 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Stroh Church of Christ with Pastor Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will be at Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, and 9-10 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Stroh Church of Christ or First Presbyterian Church, Albion.

Elender McGinnis

CROMWELL — Elender Marie McGinnis, 63, died Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2001, at home.

The Wabash County native had lived in the Cromwell area 40 years. She was a cook at several area restaurants and a member of Mtount Tabor Church of God, Etna Green, and the North Webster American Legion Post 253 Auxiliary.

Surviving are four daughters, Debra Grisson of Robinson, Ill., Laura Neibert of Pierceton, Robin Wright of Milford and Tamara Logan of Topeka; a son, Patrick McGinnis of New Paris; a stepdaughter, Robin Marcum of New Haven; a sister, Betty Croy of North Webster; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Thomas McGinnis, preceded her in death.

Services are at 10 a.m. Monday in Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel, Syracuse. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 253 in care of Shorty.

James Lee Hunter

KENDALLVILLE — James Lee Hunter, 78, died at 6:10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. He had been ill since Wednesday.

Mr. Hunter lived in the Kendallville area 29 years, coming from Kentucky. The retired foundry worker was also a coal miner while in Kentucky. He was a member of the House of Prayer, Corunna.

He was born Oct. 3, 1922, in Floyd County, Ky.

On Sept. 9, 1972, in Wolcottville he married Erma Conley, who survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Karen Hunter of Springfield, Ohio; a daughter, Barbara Johnson of Michigan; a stepdaughter and her husband, Carolyn and John Campbell of Steuben County; five brothers, Joe, Earl and Walker, all of Kendallville, Robert of Springfield and Charley of Nicholsville, Ky.; two sisters, Gertie of Kendallville and Sola of Harold, Ky.; six grandchildren and a stepgrandchild.

His parents, a sister, Ruth, and four brothers, Garret, Jay, Freel and Johnny, preceded him in death.

Services are at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Hutchins Funeral Home, S.R. 9, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Willie Collins of Valentine Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery, Woodruff.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

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Lois Johnson

ANGOLA — Lois I. Johnson, 87, died Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001, at Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

She was a nurse's aide at Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola, for 17 years. From 1933-1963, she lived in Detroit, where she worked at Dodge Motor Co. and was a beautician.

She was born Feb. 3, 1914, in Flint to Robert and Elsie (George) Slick.

Surviving are a sister, Dortha Shawver, of Pleasant Lake; a brother, Clair Slick, of Auburn; two nephews and a niece.

Her husband, Henry Johnson, preceded her in death.

Graveside services are at 10 a.m. Monday in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben Township, Steuben County, with the Rev. Susan Beckett officiating.

There is no calling.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Beverly Stevens

GARRETT — Beverly J. Stevens died Friday, Sept. 14, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Garrett resident was a native of Mishawaka. She was a homemaker and attended the North Webster Church of God.

Surviving are two daughters, Sherry Andres of Leesburg and Vickie Preston of Ligonier; three sons, John Whybrew and Andrew Stevens Jr., both of Syracuse, and Nick Stevens of Bowling Green, Ky.; a stepdaughter, Lynn Wade of Bowling Green; a stepson, Robert Stevens of Bowling Green; a sister, Dora M. Thiel of Niles, Mich.; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Andrew Stevens Sr., preceded her in death.

There will be no services. Calling is 3-8 p.m. Monday at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association Midwest Affiliate Memorial & Tributes Program or the American Diabetes Association.

Wahneta Reichard

WAWAKA — Wahneta Reichard, 82, died at 8:06 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital.

The lifetime Noble county resident was a press operator for Cromwell Products.

A lifetime member of Wawaka United Methodist Church, she was active in the United Methodist Women and had served as the group's president. She enjoyed gardening, yard work, knitting and crafts. She resided at Kingston of Ligonier for the last year due to failing health.

She was born May 20, 1919, in Wawaka to Ulysses and Martha (Gaff) Rose.

On Feb. 4, 1950, she married Charles Moore, who preceded her in death in 1972.

On Dec. 29, 1973, in Wawaka she married Neal Reichard, who survives there.

Also surviving are three stepsons, Terry Moore of LasCruces, N.M., Steven Moore of Paw Paw, Mich., and William Moore of Georgetown, Ky.; two stepdaughters, Sandra K. Gray of Fort Wayne and Cynthia S. Kordell of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Raymond and Garnel Rose, and two sisters, Jesse Weingart and Evelyn Easterday, preceded her in death.

Services are at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Jimmy Robbins of Wawaka United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Paul Brill

AUBURN — Paul W. Brill, 84, died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2001, at 12:50 a.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mr. Brill managed the A&P Tea Co. grocery store in Auburn for 30 years, retiring in 1973. He then worked for Northern Indiana Fuel & Light Co. for nine years, retiring in 1982.

Mr. Brill

He was a lifetime member of Auburn Kiwanis Club, serving as its secretary for 19 years. In 1998, he became the club's first member to receive the J.L. McCullen Award of Gold.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn and a past board member of the Children First Center in Auburn.

He was born Feb. 15, 1917, in Ligonier to Melvin and Zoe (Guntle) Brill.

He married Evana J. Smith in 1942 in Ligonier. She died in 1991.

He then married Wanda (Daily) Mitchener in 1992 in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen P. and Girlie Brill of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Ron Cave of Shawnee, Kan.; a stepson, Russel Mitchener of Auburn, Ala.; two granddaughters and their husbands, Sandra and Kevin Casselman of Auburn and Wendy and Keith Padgett of Prairie Village, Kan.; one grandson and his wife, Stuart and Heather Cave of Bowling Green, Ky.; two step-grandchildren, Kellen Mitchener of Auburn, Ala., and Brenda Kuhn of Hamilton; five great-grandchildren, Logan, Layton and Makenzie Casselman of Auburn and Alexandra and Issabelle Cave of Bowling Green, Ky.; and two step-great-grandchildren, Ariana and Tiana Kuhn of Hamilton.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Helen Golden and Pauline Steele, and one brother, Clyde Brill.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church, 1203 E. Seventh St., Auburn. The Rev. Wilbur Yates and the Rev. Susan Beckett will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Auburn Kiwanis Club, Children First Center or First United Methodist Church of Auburn.

Mary Ellen Buknis

FREMONT — Mary Ellen Buknis, 80, died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2001, at Regency Place of Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and had owned a tropical fish store at Klinger Lake, outside Sturgis, Mich. She lived in Fremont and graduated from Fremont High School. She moved out of the area, but returned to Fremont for the past seven years. She enjoyed crafts of all kinds.

Mrs. Buknis was born Oct. 10, 1920, in Fremont to Rennie and Glendora Gould.

She married Joseph Edward Buknis, who preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one son, Joseph Buckness of Coldwater, Mich.; one sister and brother-in-law, Pat and Raymond Tubbs of Fremont; one brother, Everett Gould of New Castle, Pa.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

One sister, Helen Grace (Gould) Henley, preceded her in death.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with calling after 11 a.m. The Rev. Wayne Berkesch will officiate. Burial will be in Knauss Cemetery, Kinderhook Township, Branch County, Mich.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army or American Red Cross to aid those affected by recent events in New York.

Anthony Langley

STROH — Anthony C. Langley, 20, died Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a motorcycle accident on Friday.

He graduated from American School in Lansing, Ill., and worked at Culligan in Kendallville as a delivery driver. He was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Kendallville. He loved to ride his motorcycle and four-wheeler and was an avid "mudder" in four-wheel-drive trucks.

He was born Jan. 19, 1981, to Thomas L. and Brenda L. (Leiter) Langley. They survive in Stroh.

Also surviving are two sisters, Larin and Larissa Langley, both at home in Stroh; a paternal grandmother, Shirley Langley of Stroh; maternal grandparents, Larry and Evelyn Leiter of Sahuarita, Ariz.; and a maternal grandmother, Kathryn Levitz of Mongo;

He was preceded in death by his sister, Leah L. Langley, in October 1998, and a paternal grandfather, Robert Langley, in April 1991.

Services will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Dale Hoyt officiating.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Donna Ray

ANGOLA — Donna A. Ray, 56, died Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001, in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Ray was a machine operator at Pittsfield Corp. in Hamilton and held a degree in accounting. She lived in LaGrange County before moving to Angola in 1996.

She was born Oct. 19, 1944, in Fort Wayne to Edwin and Louisa (Johnson) Hunter. They preceded her in death.

She married Arthur Carl Ray in October 1973. He died Nov. 26, 1993.

Surviving are two sons, Mark Ray of Kendallville and Adam Ray of Angola; two sisters, Jean Ann Shirely and Denise Grissom, both of Fremont; one half-brother, Ronald Hunter of Broughton, Ohio; and two half-sisters, Edith Addis of Churubusco and Judith Oglesby of Ocala, Fla.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with the Rev. Gary Musser officiating. Burial will be in Eagle Cemetery, LaGrange County.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

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Harold Bartrom

HUNTINGTON — Harold M. Bartrom, 75, died Friday, Sept. 14, 2001, at 8:30 p.m. in his Huntington home.

Mr. Bartrom worked in auto repair at Carnes Body Shop in Huntington for 45 years. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2689 in Huntington.

He was born May 8, 1926, in Fort Wayne to Andrew and Dora (Smuts) Bartrom.

He married Marigold E. Yeiter on Sept. 23, 1950, in Huntington. She died Feb. 8, 1990.

Surviving him are three sons, Robert W. Bartrom of Fort Wayne, Richard E. Bartrom of Kansas City, Mo., and Mark A. Bartrom of Laguna Niguel, Calif.; one daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and Mitchell Mathy of Kansas City, Mo.; four brothers, Kenny Bartrom, Andy Bartrom and Norman Bartrom, all of Florida, and Mitchell Bartrom of California; three sisters, Marquetta Griffith of Huntington, June Puryear of Fort Wayne and Shirley Kees of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and nine grandchildren.

A brother, Marvin Bartrom, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, with the Rev. Russell Buzzard officiating. Burial will be in Pilgrims Rest Cemetery in Huntington.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or Huntington County Cancer Society. Condolences may be sent to www.myersfuneralhomes.com

Waneta Boedeker

FORT WAYNE — Waneta M. Boedeker, 84, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2001, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

She was a pharmacy technician and retired from St. Joseph Hospital. She was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

She was born May 24, 1917, in Fort Wayne to William and Antonetta (Link) Barter.

Surviving her are three sons, Paul S. Boedeker of Fremont, James W. Boedeker of Fort Wayne and Robert H. Boedeker of Angola; a daughter, Debra S. Burley of Fort Wayne; a brother, William Barter of New Haven; a sister, Evelyn Stalder of Delphos, Ohio; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Her husband, Paul J., preceded her in death in 1987.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1100 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, following a prayer service at 9:45 a.m. at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana or Masses.

Karen Kay Duty

CHURUBUSCO — Karen Kay Duty, 60, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2001, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

She was born in Allen County and retired from C.F. Gomma USA Inc. after 30 years. She had also worked at Dana Weatherhead in Columbia City.

Surviving are two daughters, Rhonda McHenry and Nila Miller, both of Churubusco; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and her companion, Leon Myer of Churubusco. An infant son preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana or a charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be sent to sympathy@demoney-grimes.com.

John Hoffelder

WATERLOO — John Hoffelder, 92, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2001, at 10:07 a.m. in the Waterloo home where he was born and lived his life.

Mr. Hoffelder was a lifelong farmer since age 14. He built and co-owned stock cars that raced at several area tracks, and worked on cars for 25 years. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, rural Waterloo.

He was born Feb. 21, 1909, in rural Waterloo to Frank and Louise (Dapp) Hoffelder.

He married Dorothy Miller on Feb. 17, 1934, in Monroeville, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Max Hoffelder of Waterloo; one grandson, Michael Hoffelder of Chicago; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, with calling after 9 a.m. Father David Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A rosary service will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses at the church.

Reva Fulp

LAGRANGE — Reva Fulp, 86, of LaGrange, died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor.

A homemaker, Mrs. Fulp was born Sept. 22, 1914, in Veedersburg to Rufus and Inez (Towell) Dillon. On March 10, 1934, in Veedersburg, she married Bennett Fulp, and he preceded her in death in 1973. A brother, Harold Dillon, is also deceased.

Services will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Topeka United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Paul Fulp officiating. Calling will be Wednesday at the church from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery in Crawfordsville on Thursday. A memorial service will be held in the cemetery chapel Thursday at 11 a.m., with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

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Kathleen Stone

ANGOLA — Kathleen Stone, 59, died Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Stone was a homemaker in Angola.

She was born April 15, 1942, in Salyersville, Ky., to Preston and Amy (Farler) Smith.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two husbands, Thomas Stephens, who died in 1972, and Roland Stone, who died in 1989.

Surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Christine and Mitchell Stone of Battle Creek, Mich., and Linda Reed, Brenda and Jason Force, Amanda and Robert Tice and Holly Stone, all of Coldwater, Mich.; one son and daughter-in-law, Daniel and Loretta Stephens of Angola; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; five sisters, Norma Layne of Quincy, Mich., Mary E. Cubitt and Wanda Vires, both of Hicksville, Ohio, Carol Lawrence of Belmore, Ohio, and Judy Smith of Waterville, N.Y.; and three brothers, Allen Brown of Salyersville, Ky., Billy J. Smith of Leslie, Mich., and Rudy Hefley of Waterville, N.Y.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. The Rev. Charles Sparks will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation.

Annette Maurer

FORT WAYNE — Annette M. Maurer, 73, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2001, at her Fort Wayne home.

She was born Feb. 5, 1928, in Elkhart County to Maynard J. and Beatrice I. (Yoder) Manges.

She married Max Maurer on June 29, 1947, in Ligonier. He died June 5, 1998.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Erna Maurer of Churubusco; three sisters, Sheroleen Franks of Kendallville, Myrtle Jane Tinkel of Marion, and Cassandra Boyle of Albion; and two granddaughters, Jacklyn Young and Robyn Maurer, both of Churubusco.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Dennis Landel

BRYAN, Ohio — Dennis L. "Skip" Landel, 80, died Friday, Sept. 14, 2001, at 1:25 p.m. in Harborside Care Center of Northwest Ohio in Bryan.

Mr. Landel was employed as a drill press operator at Aro Corp. in Bryan for 42 years, retiring in 1982. He was a lifelong resident of Melbern, Ohio, near Bryan, and was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps. He was a member of Bryan American Legion Post 284 and Disabled American Veterans. He was an avid golfer and played regularly on many area courses.

He was born Nov. 28, 1920, in Melbern to Frederick Arthur and Helen Angeline (Long) Landel.

Surviving him are one daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Gary Hug of Wabash; three sisters, Kathryn Bruot of Melbern, Thelma Harrold of Boston, and Anita DeLashmutt of Grand Rapids, Mich.; four granddaughters and their husbands, Tricia and Greg Schorr of Vienna, W.Va., Dr. Trina and Maj. Terry Meyer of Chicago, Angela and Steven Meus, also of Chicago, and Shelley and Bill Meador of Indianapolis; and 10 great-grandchildren.

One granddaughter, Gina Marie Hug, and one sister, Betty Nicholls, preceded him in death.

Services were held this morning in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Edgerton, Ohio, with Father Thomas Oedy officiating. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, with military rites by Bryan American Legion Post 284.

Memorials are to Harborside Health Care Center Memorial Garden Fund or a charity of the donor's choice.

Ruth Liggett

WOLCOTTVILLE — Ruth L. Liggett, 90, of Big Long Lake, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2001, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Covington Memorial Gardens Chapel in Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Thomas Clothier from First Christian Church of Kendallville officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Shriner's Childrens Hospital.

Olin Showalter

KENDALLVILLE — Olin J. Showalter, 72, died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2001, at his Kendallville home.

He was a 1948 graduate of Kendallville High School and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked as a machine operator at Auburn Gear, retiring in 1991.

He was born July 26, 1929, in Coldwater, Mich., to Olin E. and Marie Fern (Dunn) Showalter. On April 19, 1975, in Kendallville, he married Madonna Weimer, and she survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son, David Showalter of Kendallville; three stepdaughters, Emily Watson of Kendallville, Pam Gabet of Butler and April Anthony of Ashley; two stepsons, Roy Moulder of Lawton, Okla., and Tim Moulder of Hicksville, Ohio; a sister, Nancy Hardy of Douglas, Mich.; a brother, Richard Showalter of Helen, Ga.; six grandchildren; 16 stepgreat-grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Martha Becker, preceded him in death March 31, 1994.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, with military graveside services by the Kendallville Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Elizabeth Cantrell

CALUMET CITY, Ill. — Elizabeth Cantrell, 83, died Sept. 3, 2001.

She was a former Angola resident and a former member of the Hoosier Hills Club.

Her husband, John B. Cantrell, preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one nephew, William Voelker of Augusta, Ga.; two nieces, Donna Stevenson of Chicago and Marlene Backstrom of Tulsa, Okla.; and one great-nephew and his wife, Mark and Sehui Stevenson.

Services were held Sept. 12 at 11 a.m. in Schroeder-Lauer Funeral Home, Lansing, Ill.

Harry Hartman

FORT WAYNE — Harry Lee Hartman, 50, died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2001, at Courtland Manor Health & Rehabilitation.

He was born in Auburn to Gerald and Lillian Hartman and was a lifelong resident of DeKalb and Allen counties. He brought joy to hundreds of lives he touched since an automobile accident in 1957.

Surviving are three sisters, Annetta King, Diana Thiel and Carma Shoemaker, all of Fort Wayne; two brothers, John F. Hartman of Auburn and William D. Hartman of Leo; and 12 nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery in Leo-Cedarville.

Calling is today from 5-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Turnstone Center or ARC of Northeast Indiana.

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Annette Maurer

FORT WAYNE — Annette M. Maurer, 73, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2001, at her Fort Wayne home.

She was born Feb. 5, 1928, in Elkhart County to Maynard J. and Beatrice I. (Yoder) Manges.

She married Max Maurer on June 29, 1947, in Ligonier. He died June 5, 1998.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Erna Maurer of Churubusco; three sisters, Sheroleen Franks of Kendallville, Myrtle Jane Tinkel of Marion, and Cassandra Boyle of Albion; and two granddaughters, Jacklyn Young and Robyn Maurer, both of Churubusco.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. Burial will be in White City Cemetery in Spencerville.

Calling is Saturday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Florence Cookerly

KENDALLVILLE — Florence L. Cookerly, 87, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2001, at Todd Aikens Health Center in Franklin.

She was a lifelong resident of Kendallville and graduated from Kendallville High School in 1932. She was the owner and operator of The Redwood in Kendallville from 1957-1972.

She was born April 22, 1914, in Kendallville, to William J. and Eliza (Haas) Franke. On June 16, 1937, in Decatur, she married Alford Howard Cookerly Jr., and he preceded her in death on Dec. 30, 1979. A brother, Harry L. Franke, and a sister, Grace H. Misselhorn, are also deceased.

Surviving are a son, retired Col. David H. Cookerly of San Antonio, Texas; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan E. and Thomas Armor of Franklin; five grandchildren, Cheryl Bowers of Kendallville, Scott Cookerly of Williamsburg, Va., Liz Marks Strauss of Indianapolis and Melissa Sue and Jon Armor of Franklin; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett and the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the church or Johnson Memorial Cancer Center in Franklin.

Dr. Charles Frissell

FREMONT — Dr. Charles T. Frissell, 80, died Friday, Aug. 24, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a short illness.

Dr. Frissell was a Fort Wayne dentist and oral and maxial facial surgeon, retiring in 1984. He was a longtime resident of Lake George.

A Minneapolis native, he was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a past president of the Indiana Dental Association and Isaac Knapp District Dental Society. He was a member of the American Dental Association and Rotary Club.

Surviving are four sons, Michael R. and C. Thomas, both of Fort Wayne, James E. of Tampa, Fla., and Brian S. of Noblesville; a daughter, Janice L. Sainz of Bloomington; a sister, Anne Hennen of Minneapolis; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were held Aug. 27 at D.O. McComb Covington Knolls Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Boy Scouts of America, Anthony Wayne Council, or the Matthew 25 Clinic.

Homer Owen

KENDALLVILLE — Homer J. Owen, 87, died Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. Owen was a lifelong Noble County farmer and a resident of rural Albion. He was educated in the rural Noble County schools, and was raised on the family farm in Green Township. He retired from dairy farming in 1978, and enjoyed buying, selling and training horses.

He was born in Green Township, Noble County, March 6, 1914, to Otis and Maggie (Diffendarfer) Owen. On Sept. 15, 1934, he married Sarah A. Gaff in Whitley County, and she preceded him in death Sept. 4, 1998. The couple spent their married life in Noble County.

Three sisters, Hazel Wilson, Clara Boggs and Mildred Gross, and two grandsons, Terry Lee Freeman and Shane DeWayne Owen, are also deceased.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Darryl and Barbara Owen and Jack and Jane Owen, all of Albion, and Dennis and Wanda Owen of Lafayette; three daughters and sons-in-law, Kay and Wilbur Freeman of Marion, Janice and Dale Geiger of Columbia City and Joyce and Richard Caskey of Ligonier; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Viva and Harold "Pete" Harlan and Ruth Ott, all of Albion; 21 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Brenda Ginder of Trinity United Methodist Church officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Children's Hospital in Chicago. Condolences may be sent to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Olive Osterlund

ALBION — Olive Marie Osterlund, 84, of Albion, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2001, in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Osterlund was a homemaker and a member of Sparta United Church of Christ in Kimmell, for which she served on the Worship and Caring committees. She was a member of the York Township Homemakers Club and the York Township Pleasure Club. She also belonged to the Noble County Historical Society and the Gene Stratton-Porter Memorial Society.

She was born July 16, 1917, in St. Joseph County to Russell Edgar and Mary Jane (Blough) Mangus. On May 1, 1941, in Chicago, she married Sven Osterlund, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 24, 1990. A brother, Roy Mangus, is also deceased.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and Pat Adams of Fulton, Mo., and Linda and Al Kleen of Des Plaines, Ill.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Carl and Carolyn Osterlund of Warren, Mich., and Alan and Connie Osterlund of Albion; a brother, James Mangus of Albion; three sisters, Violett Sackett of LaPeer, Mich., Laura Winebrenner of Hastings, Mich., and Mary Bales of Cedarsville, Ind.; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Sparta United Church of Christ in Kimmell, with the Rev. Linn Bartling officiating. Calling will be today from 3-8 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Albion and from 9-10 a.m. at the church on Thursday. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church, the Gene Stratton-Porter Memorial Society or Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

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Twila Shultz

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Twila Mae Shultz, 71, died Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2001, at Memorial Hospital in South Bend.

Mrs. Shultz graduated from Hamilton High School in 1948 and from Methodist School of Nursing in Indianapolis in 1951. She worked as a nurse at Elmhurst Hospital in Angola and later as an industrial nurse in Mishawaka and Elkhart. She lived in South Bend and was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in South Bend.

She was born June 27, 1930, in Hamilton to Arthur and Dora (Snyder) Lautzenhiser.

Surviving her are two daughters and sons-in-law, Cynthia and Scott Binder of South Bend, and Linda and Robert Przychodny of Granger; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Debra Shultz of Lakeville; one brother, Argyle Lautzenhiser of Waterloo; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A sister, Ardys, and a brother, Lloyd, preceded her in death.

Services were held in South Bend, with burial in Hamilton Cemetery at Hamilton.

Memorials are to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, 5841 Cedar Lake Road, Suite 204, Minneapolis MN 55416.

Basil Miller Sr.

ANGOLA — Basil E. Miller Sr., 71, died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2001, in his Angola home.

Mr. Miller was a printing and press operator for Moore's Business Forms, retiring after 33 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He lived in Angola and moved to Marion in 1981, returning to Angola a short time ago.

He was born Aug. 16, 1930, in Fremont to John E. and Cleo Miller.

His first wife, Bettie June Lockhart Miller, and second wife, Elsie Fowler Miller, both preceded him in death.

Surviving are one son, Basil E. Miller Jr. of Broomfield, Colo.; three daughters, Karen Craven of Kansas City, Mo., Macelia Striker of Homer, Mich., and Lucinda Hensel of Angola; one sister, Ann Romero of Angola; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Jim Hulbert will officiate. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to the New York Firefighters and Police Officers Widows Fund.

Laura Yoquelet

HOWE — Laura Mae Yoquelet, 53, died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2001, at her home in rural Howe.

A homemaker, Mrs. Yoquelet was born March 31, 1948, in Coldwater, Mich., to Harry "Bud" and Leona Mae (Jarratt) Huber. On Oct. 15, 1964, in LaGrange, she married Bobby G. Yoquelet, who survives.

Also surviving are her parents, of LaGrange; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Pam and David Green of Howe, Pat and Jeff Jackson of Elkhart and Laurie Yoquelet of Sturgis, Mich.; two sisters, Barb Beechy of Topeka and Maryann Christner of Sturgis, Mich.; and seven grandchildren.

A daughter, Beth Ann, preceded her in death in 1969.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe, with the Rev. Mike Wagner officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Amy Jones

AUBURN — Amy H. Jones, 93, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2001, at Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mrs. Jones was a book binder with H&H Book Bindery for 15 1/2 years, retiring in 1972. She was a Messenger Corp. employee for many years.

She lived in Auburn and formerly lived in Indianapolis for 27 years. She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God and enjoyed crocheting, reading books and her family.

She was born June 14, 1908, in Noble County to George W. and Julia (Homsher) Humbert.

Her husband, Robert H. Jones, preceded her in death.

Surviving are nine nieces, Amy Houser of Pleasant Lake, Mabel Eldridge, Wanita Hisey and Fern Wilcoxson, all of Auburn, Wilma Sherck of Waterloo, Linda Brown and Marjorie Sebert, both of Kendallville, Eunice Smith of Royalton, Ill., and Sharon Bronsink of Bowling Green, Ohio.; six nephews, Keith Wagner of Warsaw, Joseph Wagner of Colfax, Ind., Merle Wagner of Auburn, Everett Jones of Leisure City, Fla., and John Jones of Ohio and Roger Jones of Montpelier, Ohio; and two cousins, Mary Meschberger of Auburn and Louise Davis of Indianapolis.

Two sisters, Helen Wagner and Lena Jones, and two brothers, Ralph Humbert and Lawrence Humbert, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after 9 a.m. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Additional calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

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Christina Corell-Laughry

BOURBON — Christina Mae Corell-Laughry, 51, died Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2001, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

She was a hairstylist for 30 years and the owner of CC & Company Hair Designs since 1997. She lived in Bourbon.

Mrs. Corell-Laughry was born Dec. 4, 1949, in Warsaw to Carl and Evelyn (Thornburg) Eyrich. Her mother survives in Bourbon and her father preceded her in death in 1998.

Also surviving are her husband, Richard; one brother, Stephen Eyrich of Angola; a sister, Brenda Abbott of Fort Wayne; three stepdaughters, Betsy Eyrich of Angola, and Gay Tullis and Richelle Rastetter, both of Orland; a stepson, David Laughry of Nappanee; seven stepgrandchildren and one step-great-grandchild.

Services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with calling after 1 p.m.

Calling is today from 3-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County or the Humane Society.

Forrest Cutler

GARRETT — Forrest M. "Bud" Cutler, 82, died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2001, at 1:51 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cutler was a farmer and also was a bus driver for 17 years. He lived in Garrett for 60 years.

He was born Aug. 12, 1919, in Ossian to Earl and Olive (Close) Cutler.

He married his Deloris Clanin on Sept. 10, 1943, in Garrett, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Nadine Cook of Garrett; one son, Dennis Cutler of Garrett; two brothers, Paul Cutler of Columbus, Ohio, and Kenneth Cutler of Garrett; five grandchildren, Brian A. Cook, Carrie Smurr, Rheannen Cutler and Joe Cutler, all of Garrett, and Tony Cutler of Indianapolis; and two great-grandchildren, Danyell and Kelsi Smurr.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Glenn, Chester, Elmer and Earl Cutler Jr.; and five sisters, Helen Cutler, Esther Cartwright, Ruth Hall, Florence McKinney, Gladys Porter and Louella Masson.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with the Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2001

Hortense Frye

LAGRANGE — Hortense W. "Corky" Frye, 79, died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2001, at 1:20 a.m. in LifeCare Center in LaGrange.

She retired from Kirsh Co. in 1981 after 29 years of service. She was a member of Valentine United Methodist Church, U.A.W. Local 797 and the LaGrange Home Economics Club.

Mrs. Frye was born Oct. 9, 1921, in Elkhart County to Daniel A. and Inez (Helvie) Parker.

She married Willard J. Frye on Dec. 17, 1942, in LaGrange, and he died in 1984.

Surviving her are two daughters and one son-in-law, Judy and Leonard Bauder of White Pigeon, Mich., and Jana Sturgill of Howe; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Debra Frye of Wolcottville, and Jeff and Colleen Frye of Sturgis, Mich.; one brother, Burdett Parker of Wake Forrest, N.C. ; two sisters, Willa Yoder of Sturgis and Deloyce Parker of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Two sisters and two brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Titus Speicher officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Alvin Schrock

LAGRANGE — Alvin J. Schrock, 76, died Friday, Sept. 21, 2001, at 1:34 p.m. in his LaGrange home.

He was a retired farmer and moved to LaGrange from Kansas in 1939. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Mr. Schrock was born Oct. 4, 1924, in Hutchison, Kan., to Jacob S. and Lydian (Miller) Schrock.

He married Polly W. Bontrager on Nov. 4, 1948, in LaGrange County, and she survives.

Also surviving him are six daughters and five sons-in-law, Edna and Daniel Beechy of LaGrange, Amanda and Harvey Miller of Centreville, Mich., Ida A. Schrock of LaGrange, Mary and Mahlon Miller of Howe, Mattie and Fred Cain of Topeka, and Amelia and Levi Miller of Newago, Mich.; nine sons and daughters-in-law, Harley and Edna Fern Schrock of Howe, Abraham and Miriam Schrock of Vestaburg, Mich., Levi and Carolyn Schrock of Wolcottville, and Mervin and Ella Schrock, William and Luella Schrock, Samuel and Edna Schrock, Edwin and Katie Schrock, Ezra and LaVera Schrock, and Melvin and Saranna Schrock, all of LaGrange; one sister, Amanda Borntrager of Wilton, Wis.; three brothers, Andy Schrock of LaGrange, Levi Schrock of Shipshewana, and William Schrock of Middlebury; 97 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, David Miller; two brothers, Eli and Samuel Schrock, and one sister, Lizzie Schrock.

Services will be held Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the family home, 3665W - 200N, LaGrange. Bishop Edward Schmucker and the Rev. Orva Yoder will officiate. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is today after 4 p.m. and all day Sunday at the family home.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

George Gump

CHURUBUSCO — George H. Gump, 100, died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2001, at 9:30 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. He had been a patient there since Tuesday.

Mr. Gump

He was employed as a carpenter at General Electric Company in Fort Wayne for 26 years, retiring in 1962. He then pursued his hobbies of fishing, making and repairing clocks, and quilting. He was a member of Blue River Church of the Brethren in Whitley County.

Mr. Gump was born Nov. 10, 1900, in Allen County to Jesse A. and Mary A. (Shively) Gump.

He married Hildreth Miller in 1925, and she died July 9, 1984.

Surviving him are one daughter and son-in-law, Julia and Bruce Smyser of Appomattox, Va.; three grandchildren, Jerry Smyser of Washington, D.C., Carole Bowman of Lynchburg, Va., and David Smyser of Solvang, Calif.; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Two sisters, Iva Wyland Zumbrun and Ruth N. Steward, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Blue River Church of the Brethren, with calling after 9:30 a.m. Pastor Craig Alan Myers will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Memorials are to the church. Condolences may be sent to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Elva Rice

LIGONIER — Elva Irene Rice, 91, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2001, at 9:45 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She resided in South Bend most of her life, but because of ill health, had lived in Lima, Ohio, and Ligonier to be close to a granddaughter.

Mrs. Rice was born Nov. 29, 1909, in Plymouth. Her husband, Fred H. Rice Sr., preceded her in death in 1994.

Surviving her are four grandchildren, Cheri Parker of Syracuse, Greg Rice of Milford, Bonnie Harvey of Warsaw and Janice Reese of South Bend; and six great-grandchildren.

A son, Fred Rice Jr., preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Stella W. Lamle**, 94, died Wednesday in Hickory Hill Nursing Center. Services are Monday at 10 a.m. in Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Calling will be Sunday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial in Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

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George Close, Fremont council president, dies

FREMONT — George M. Close, 71, president of the Fremont Town Council, died Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a retired plant manager in the truck industry. He was a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church where he was a member of the church choir. He was currently serving his second term on the Fremont Town Council and was its current president. He was also a former Fremont school board member. Other memberships include: Northeastern Lodge No. 210 F&AM of Fremont, Mizpah Temple of Fort Wayne, Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne, and American Legion Cassel Post No. 257. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War.

He was born Feb. 25, 1930 in Auburn to Leonard LeRoy and Zoe Belle (Unthank) Close.

He married Janet Hadley on April 19, 1953 in Fremont. She survives.

Other survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law, Doug and Teresa Close, Indianapolis, Jonathan and Paula Close, Libertyville, Ill., and Eric Close, Fort Wayne; one sister, Francis Armstrong, Cincinnati, Ohio; two brothers, Robert Close, Charlevoix, Mich., and LeRoy Close, New Port Richey, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fremont United Methodist Church.

Leland Short

CHEYENNE, Wy. — Leland E. Short, 46, died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2001, in Cheyenne, Wy.

He was a mechanic for Balcaen's Auto Parts from Dec. 1995 to March 2001. He served in the Air Force in the Gulf War in Saudi Arabia and Egypt. He was a soccer and baseball coach at the youth center in Cheyenne.

He was born April 28, 1955, in Bourne, Mass., to Carl and Laura (Smith) Short.

He married Irene Alleshouse on Dec. 7, 1974. She survives.

Other survivors include his parents, Angola; two sons, Anthony Short, Denver, Colo., and Timothy Short, Cheyenne; two sisters, Gayla Henderson, Angola, and Jennie Short, Angola; one brother, Carl Curtis Short, Ellicott City, Md.; and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Terry Kevin Short, in 1976.

Services are 11 a.m., Wednesday, at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Ken Butz officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County. There will be military honors by the Angola American Legion Post 31.

Calling is for one hour before the services, in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Steuben County Cancer Association or Cameron Hospice.

Lucas Patillo

AVILLA — Lucas Michael Paul Patillo was stillborn at DeKalb Memorial Hospital on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001, at 1:34 a.m.

His parents are Michael and Sherri Jo (Ott) Patillo of Avilla.

Other survivors include three sisters, Breanna Patillo of Hobart, Kyla Patillo of Chesterton, and Samantha Patillo of Syracuse; three brothers, Derrick Ott, and Josh Koegler, both of Avilla, and Michael Patillo of Valparaiso; paternal grandparents, Mike and Bonnie Patillo, Knox; and the maternal grandmother, Barbara Ott, Avilla.

Graveside services will be at the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla, on Tuesday, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, is in charge of arrangements.

Violet Lewis

FORT WAYNE — Violet "Billie" Lewis, 76, died Friday, Sept. 21, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a self-employed beautician for six years. She graduated from Garrett High School and Warner Beauty College of Fort Wayne. She attended Garrett Baptist Church.

She was born Aug. 9, 1924, in Berlin, W.Va., to William C. and Leuetta D. (Graves) Montgomery.

Her husband, Beryl Lewis, preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons, Arthur Gunion, Fort Wayne, and Clifford L. Gunion, Garrett; and three grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were her parents and one brother, Clarence Dennison.

Services are 2 p.m., Tuesday in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. Sid Short officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home, and for one hour prior to the funeral.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Lelia Galloway

LIGONIER — Lelia Galloway, 83, died at 8:55 a.m., Friday, Sept. 21, 2001, in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

She enjoyed reading and needlepoint. She was a Cromwell High School graduate. She was the past owner of Town Crier Gift and Card Shop in Ligonier.

She was born Feb. 14, 1918, in Bath County, Ky., to Arthur and Rose Alfrey Staton.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Kenneth Lee, who died in March, 1955, and Herbert Galloway, who died in Feb., 1975; and five brothers.

Survivors include a daughter, Janet and Ed Harper, Cromwell; one son, Jerry N. and Sandra Lee, Newburgh; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral is 10 a.m., Monday, in the Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Chris Dare officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is from 3 to 7 p.m. today in the funeral home.

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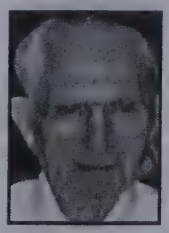
William Patton

CHURUBUSCO — William Price Patton, 93, of Churubusco, died at 9:31 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne, following a lengthy illness. He had been taken there from his residence on Friday.



Mr. Patton

He spent the first years of his first marriage in Manchester, Ky. During World War II, he worked as a welder in the shipyards at Baltimore, Md. and moved to Whitley County in 1945. He was employed in the tool room at Rea Magnet Wire Company, Inc., in Fort Wayne for 27 years, retiring from there in 1973. He lived with his second wife at Tri-Lakes for a period and moved to Port Charlotte, Fla., in 1975, returning to Churubusco in 1995. He was a member of the Good News Baptist Church in Churubusco.

He was born in Rutherton, Ky., on March 8, 1908, a son of Abram H. and Monima Stone Patton.

His first marriage was on Dec. 23, 1931, to Ella Marie Clark. She died July 3, 1966. His second marriage was to Maryetta Hyland Geese on Jan. 26, 1968. She survives.

Other survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Betty and Ed Witzenman, and Peggy and Robert Wetzel, all of Churubusco; one son, William H. and his wife Bonnie Patton of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; three stepdaughters, Cora Thomas, Coldwater, Mich., Arlene and James Anderson, Candler, Fla., and Mary Lou Hamilton, Hilliard, Ohio; two stepsons, James and Barbara Geese and John Geese, all of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Bert and Mary Jane Patton, Columbia City, and Horace Patton, Kentwood, Mich.; seven grandchildren; several stepgrandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

In addition to his first wife, he was preceded in death by a daughter, five brothers, one sister, and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m., Tuesday, at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Edward H. Thompson, pastor of Good News Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Edwin Shidler

FORT WAYNE — Edwin L. Shidler, 72, died Friday, Sept. 21, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He worked as a printer for North American Van Lines when he retired in 1994 after 41 years of service.

He was born on Jan. 29, 1929, in Fort Wayne, to Fred and Pauline (Dunlap) Shidler.

Survivors include one daughter, Laura L. Spuller, St. Joe; two sons, Michael A. Shidler and Kendall J. Shidler, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Virginia Buckmaster and Margaret Bracht, both of Fort Wayne; one brother, Norman Shidler, Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren, Michael C. Shidler, Ashley D. Shidler, Matthew W. Spuller, Steven "Eddie" Spuller and Autumn J. B. Spuller.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Duane Shidler.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Memorials are to St. Joe River Greenway, c/o DeKalb County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 285, Auburn. Condolences may be sent to SympathyCBW@aol.com.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Makaela Destiny Dawn Thornsbearry**, infant, died Wednesday in Fort Wayne. Memorial services are at 1 p.m., Wednesday, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

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Vadas Putt

FORT WAYNE — Vadas Putt, 89, died Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001, at 10 p.m. in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Putt was a laborer and a member of Christ United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne. She lived in Fort Wayne for 50 years.

Mrs. Putt

She was born June 17, 1912, in Bluffton.

She married Collis Putt, who preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one niece, Lourelei Prior of Fort Wayne, a daughter-in-law, Judi Putt of Muncie; two great-nieces, Cindy Morrow of Angola and Marsha Fishbaugh of Virginia; one sister, Josephine Dishong of Rushville; four grandchildren, Fred, Ned and Cara Putt, and Kevin Grim; and two great-grandchildren, Ian Putt and Caitlin Grim.

She was preceded in death by one son, William "Bill" Putt, two brothers and six sisters.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. There will be no calling.

Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Francis Coon

KENDALLVILLE — Francis "Frank" Coon, 80, died Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001, at home.

Mr. Coon

Mr. Coon moved to Kendallville in 1993, after living first in Fort Wayne and then in Modesto, Calif. He was retired as an oven operator for General Electric and was a member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville.

He was born Feb. 8, 1921, in Pennville to Cleo and Edythe (Young) Coon. On July 11, 1940, in Portland, he married Sarah J. Oblinger, and she preceded him in death on Sept. 17, 1995.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Richard Anderson of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Gregg and Donna Coon of Columbia City; four granddaughters, Jacinda Carpenter and Susanna Harper of Modesto, Laurie Barton of Warsaw and Danielle Newnam of Fort Wayne; three grandsons, John Seifert of Modesto, Tim Coon of Warsaw and Chase Anderson of Kendallville; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Twin Hills Cemetery in Pennville, with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. A memorial service will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at First Christian Church in Kendallville. Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church Organ and Piano Fund or to the church building fund.

Mary Jane Ferrier

LAGRANGE — Mary Jane Ferrier, 73, died Friday, Sept. 21, 2001, at St. Vincent Hospital in Williamsport, Ind.

A homemaker, Mrs. Ferrier had lived in LaGrange before moving to Veedersburg, Ind.

She was born Oct. 30, 1927, in Angola, to James B. and Josie M. (Lock) McNabb. On Aug. 7, 1946, in LaGrange, she married Herbert Ferrier, and he preceded her in death in 1971.

Surviving are four daughters, Judy Barfell of Coldwater, Mich., Catherine Maiers of Hillsboro, Ind., Merilyn Gump of Quincy, Mich., and Shirley Kiger of Veedersburg; two sons, Hubert Ferrier of Michigan City and Ricky Ferrier of Veedersburg; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a brother, Donnie McNabb; and a sister, Bertha Richards.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Calling will be Tuesday from noon-1 p.m. Burial will be in Jackson Prairie Cemetery.

Harry Dewit

FORT WAYNE — Harry Dewit, 81, died Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001, at Lutheran Home.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville. He had retired as a custodian at First Christian Reformed Church in Evergreen Park, Ill., and was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

He was born Feb. 4, 1920, in Chicago to Melle and Bertha (Steenyk) Dewit.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Carl Cichocki of Fort Wayne; two grandsons and their wives, Steven and Meg Amstein of Hoagland and Andrew and Jessica Amstein of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Anjean Kooiman of Frankfort, Ill.

A brother and a sister preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at Hornberg-Klein Funeral Home in Evergreen Park, Ill., with burial in Chapel Hill Gardens South, Worth, Ill.

Memorials are to Lutheran Home in Fort Wayne. Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur is in charge of arrangements.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2001

Russell Reynolds

BRYAN, Ohio — Russell E. Reynolds, 86, died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2001, in Community Hospital-Williams County in Bryan.

Mr. Reynolds was a district manager of the Ohio Bureau of State Employment Service and a farmer. He also was a Prudential Life insurance agent and and ordained minister with the Oden Community Church in Oden, Mich. He graduated from the University of Toledo and Calvary Bible School, and attended Western Michigan University. He also attended First Brethren Church in Bryan and was a past president of the Christian Business Men's Committee.

He was born July 4, 1915, in Greenville, Mich., to Charles E. and Flossie L. (Hughes) Reynolds.

He married Doris M. Seger on Sept. 4, 1942, and she died Oct. 19, 1995.

Surviving him are two daughters and sons-in-law, Cheryl and James Clark of Fremont, Ohio, and Jane and Allen Wendt of Perrysburg, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Diane Reynolds of Waterloo; a sister and brother-in-law, Edith and Harold Strobridge of Grand Rapids, Mich.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in the First Brethren Church in Bryan, with Pastor Tom Goossens and Pastor Troy Cummins officiating. Burial will be in Shiffler Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. in Rice Funeral Home, Bryan.

Memorials are to Community Hospital-Williams County Hospice Program.

Vernon Yoder

MILLERSBURG — Vernon Lee Yoder, 45, of Summersville, Mo., died Monday, Sept. 24, 2001, at 5 a.m. at his daughter's Goshen home.

A self-employed carpenter and builder, he lived in Millersburg before moving to Sarasota, Fla., where he lived from 1990-1998. He then moved to Missouri. He was a member of Summersville Mennonite Church.

He was born March 17, 1945, in Centerville, Mich., to Mahlon and Mary (Yoder) Yoder. On June 5, 1965, in Goshen, he married Ida Carolyn Hochstetler, and she preceded him in death on July 16, 2000.

His mother and an infant daughter, Diane, are also deceased.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Mahlon and Anna Yoder of Sarasota; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Karen and Bill Porter of Russellville, Ky., Doris and DeVon Schrock of Goshen, Joyce and Philip Carpenter of Newmanstown, Pa., and Miriam Yoder of Summersville; four sons, Eugene Yoder of Goshen, Lavon and Gary Yoder of Sarasota and Matthew Yoder of Summersville; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Martha and Mose Coblentz and Laura and Maynard Hochstetler, all of Middlebury; seven brothers, Norman Yoder of Goshen, Kenneth and Alvin Yoder of Sarasota, Marvin Yoder of Dade City, Fla., Fred Yoder of Plane City, Ohio, David Yoder of Union, Mich., and Doug Yoder of Nappanee; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Woodlawn A.M. Church in Goshen, with Bishop Joe Weirich and Deacon Virgil Miller officiating. Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in Goshen. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Vincent Hrabrich Sr.

CROWN POINT, Ind. — Vincent Hrabrich Sr., 89, died Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001.

He was the former owner and operator of Vincent's Barber Shop in East Chicago until 1987. He was a lifelong member of Holy Trinity Croation Church in Chicago and a member of the Croation Fraternal Union. He lived in Crown Point and formerly lived in East Chicago. He was an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

Surviving him are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Ann and Mike O'Neal of Angola and Barbara and Mike Potterfield of Carmel, Calif.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Vincent and Lois Hrabrich III of Whitewater, Wis., and Rick and Sue Hrabrich of Merrillville; a sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and Andy Kirk of Merrillville; eight grandchildren, two great-grandsons, many nieces and nephews, and his good friend, Joe Zarkovich of Chicago.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Anna Rogina Hrabrich; a sister, Mary Kvenich; two brothers, Emerick and Frank, his parents, Vincent and Antonia Hrabrich, and a grandson.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Consolation Church, with the Rev. Joseph E. Vamos officiating. A prayer service will be held Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. in Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point. Entombment will be in Calumet Park Mausoleum.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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John Ridgway

AUBURN — John Kenneth "Kenny" Ridgway, 84, died Monday, Sept. 24, 2001, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Ridgway retired in 1979 from Cooper Tire and also worked with his father at Ridgway & Son Well Drilling. He formerly lived in St. Joe and was a World War II veteran.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe and a former member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Post 240 in Avilla.

He was born Nov. 4, 1916, in St. Joe to Derwood B. and Callie (Wineland) Ridgway.

Surviving are three sons and one daughter-in-law, John Scott Ridgway of Chicago, Michael Ridgway of Bowling Green, Ohio, and David and Michelle Ridgway of Columbus, Ohio; a stepson, Nick Westrick of Angola; a stepdaughter, Susan Haynes of Mount Sterling, Ky.; and three sisters, Janice Hollabaugh of Spencerville, June Baker of St. Joe and Jean Sicks of Auburn.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe. Condolences may be sent to SympathyCBW@aol.com.

Laurice Drushal

ANGOLA — Laurice Elaine "Reece" Drushal, 48, died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2001, in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Miss Drushal

She was a metal analyst and head inspector at Zolox Corp. in Fort Wayne. She lived in Angola and formerly lived in Huntington for several years. She graduated from Ball State University.

She played golf for the Sunset League and the Lake James League, and was the 2000 women's champion in both leagues.

She was born April 27, 1953, in Angola to Kenneth and Willa Lee (Burch) Drushal. They survive in Angola.

Also surviving are two sisters and one brother-in-law, Kathy Lee Etheridge of Angola and Deborah Kay and Lonnie Chiddister, also of Angola; two nieces and one nephew, four great-nephews and her faithful cat, Buddy.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice, the Steuben County Cancer Society or Steuben County Humane Society.

Rodney Wilson

BUTLER — Rodney DeWayne Wilson, 40, died suddenly Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2001, at his home in Butler.

He was an employee of Dura Manufacturing in Butler and a member of Fairview Baptist Church in Booneville, Miss. He was an avid NASCAR and football fan. He formerly lived in Booneville.

Mr. Wilson was born May 5, 1961, in Butler. He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Janet and Tom Wiggenton of Booneville, and his father and stepmother, Charles and Peggy Wilson of Iuka; Miss.

Also surviving are two children, April Wilson of Booneville and Rodney D. Wilson II of Corinth, Miss.; four brothers, Randy Wilson of Matthews, Mo., Ricky Wilson of Wheeler, Miss., Leonard Wilson of Tupelo, Miss., and Jeff Wilson of Marietta; his grandmother, Nora Wilson of Iuka; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Nim Wilson, and grandparents Donald and Lydia Gorman.

Services were held Sunday in Booneville Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Pete McCoy and Brother Buddy Marshall officiating. Burial was in New Lebanon Cemetery.

Lloyd Christlieb

GARRETT — Lloyd Franklin Christlieb, 95, died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2001, at 3:30 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Christlieb was a farmer and self-employed construction worker, retiring from construction in 1975. He lived in Garrett and was a member of the Butler Church of Christ.

He was born Sept. 28, 1905, in Paulding County, Ohio, to Joseph and Sarah (Roe) Christlieb.

He married Myrel Heck, who died in 1952. He then married Esther Jensen, who died in 1988.

Surviving are four sons, Dale Christlieb of Florida, Richard Christlieb of Provo, Utah, Melvin Christlieb of Las Vegas, Nev., and Ted Christlieb of Angola; two daughters, Virginia Swartz of Garrett and Carol Greer of Cheyenne, Wyo.; several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Six brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Frank Weller officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Church of Christ.

William Biddle

FORT WAYNE — William M. "Bill" Biddle, 70, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001, at home in Chipley, Fla.

He was born in Fort Wayne and worked as a heavy equipment mechanic for the city of Palm Bay, Fla., for 11 years. He had also worked at Dana Corp. and for 25 years for the city of Fort Wayne as a heavy equipment operator and mechanic for the fire department. He was a Korean War Marine Corps veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Leah; a daughter, Nanette Taylor of Bonifay, Fla.; three grandchildren; two sisters, Gloria Biddle and Patricia Franke, both of Angola; and two brothers, James of Fort Wayne and Jeron of Angola.

Graveside services will be held at a later date. There will be no calling. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, First Presbyterian Church of Chipley, Fla., or Palm Bay Professional Firefighters Local 2446 of Palm Bay, Fla. Brown Funeral Home in Chipley is in charge of arrangements.

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A. Henry Arnos

DEFIANCE, Ohio — A. Henry "Hank" Arnos, 82, of rural Defiance, died in his home Monday, Sept. 24, 2001, after a brief illness.

Mr. Arnos was a retired, lifelong dairy farmer, and also a maintenance worker at Napoleon Springs and Arrow Tru-Line in Archbold.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, where he also served as a church officer, and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was a Defiance County 4-H adviser, past Tinora Athletic Booster officer, past North Richland Adams school board member, an Adams Township Zoning Board member and a member of the Defiance County Dairy Board.

Mr. Arnos was born in Adams Township, Defiance County, on April 13, 1919, to Henry F. and Anna (Schroeder) Arnos.

He married Mildred Wendt on Feb. 7, 1946, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Gary Arnos of Bryan; three daughters and three daughters and sons-in-law, Rebecca and Daniel Schutt of Antwerp, Ohio, and Sandra and William Wonders and Susan and Gary Hoschak, all of Defiance; one sister, Ada Arnos Arps of Defiance; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Jeanette Short, and one brother, Melvin Arnos.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Defiance, with the Rev. Thomas M. Frey officiating. Burial will be in St. Mark's Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-9 p.m. at the Grisier Funeral Home in Archbold, Ohio.

Memorials are to the St. Mark's Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, the Jewell Fire/Rescue Squad, or Hospice of Williams and Fulton counties.

Mildred Greiser

KENDALLVILLE — Mildred Rebecca Greiser, 96, died today, Sept. 26, 2001, at 2:45 a.m. at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Greiser

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. With her husband, she founded the Second Time Around Club at the Youth Center in Kendallville. She also worked as a tour guide at the Gene Stratton-Porter Memorial in Rome City and for the YMCA in Fort Wayne. She was a Decatur High School graduate and moved to Kendallville in 1964.

She was born in Decatur on March 23, 1905, to Amos and Nellie (Dutcher) Fisher. On Oct. 12, she married Herbert John Greiser at Simpson United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 11, 1975. A sister, Florence Cross, is also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Paul Glass of Kendallville; three granddaughters and their husbands, Paula and Karl Steiner of Crystal Lake, Ill., and Elizabeth Ann and Gregg Barnard and JoEllen and Brian DeCamp, all of Kendallville; and eight great-grandchildren, Meghan and Abigail Steiner, Ian and Evan Barnard and Brianna, Claire, Paige and Kathryn DeCamp.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at First Christian Church in Kendallville, with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. Calling will be Friday from 5-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Albion.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill.

Ignacio Molina

KENDALLVILLE — Ignacio M. Molina, 62, died Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001.

He worked at County Line Cheese in Auburn for 14 years.

He was born April 17, 1939, to Florentino and Soledad (Maldonado) Molina in San Miguel, Mexico.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Maria Molina of Anniston, Ala., and Kelly and Corey Smith of Kendallville; two sons, Matthew Molina, serving in the U.S. Army at Fort Campbell, Ky., and Tivis Molina, of Avilla; a brother, Florentino, of Auburn; five sisters, Romana Sanchez, Christina Grimaldy and Soledad Gonzalez, all of Mexico, Esther Vasquez of Fort Wayne and Consuella Salcedo of Utah; and two grandchildren, Kristin and Kyle Smith of Kendallville.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling will be Thursday from 9-11 a.m. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Wyman Wert

KENDALLVILLE — Wyman L. Wert, 66, died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a truck driver for over 30 years, retiring from International Wire in Kendallville last year. An avid hunter, he was a U.S. Army veteran and a 1954 Kendallville High School graduate.

He was born April 13, 1935, to Ian M. and Maxine E. (Lehner) Wert.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Wes and Paula Wert of Kendallville; a stepdaughter, Tina Phillips, and a stepson, LeRoy Robinson, both of Springfield, Ill.; a brother, Greg Wert of rural Kendallville; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Hope and Ike Gaerte of Albion and Martha Gamble of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Jonathan, Justin, Bailee and Maegan Wert and Shelby Wainwright; and several nieces and nephews.

His parents, a brother, Larry Wert, and a sister, Deanna Wert, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

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Ruby Myers

WATERLOO — Ruby L. Myers, 85, died Monday, Sept. 24, 2001, in the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Myers retired in 1976 after working for 21 years as a clerk-cashier at Sutton's Super Market in Waterloo. She was a 63-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Waterloo, and an active member of Waterloo United Methodist Church, where she was a Sunday School teacher and a member of the Ladies Circle.

She was born in Butler on Sept. 1, 1916, to Frank and Elsie (Jackson) Wise.

Her husband, Vern H. Myers, preceded her in death in 1986.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dale and Patricia Myers of Elkhart, Allen and Patricia Myers of Woodburn; a brother, Raymond Wise of Mount Morris, Ill.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Gerald and Lloyd Wise, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4:30 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. The Ashley-Waterloo Order of the Eastern Star of will conduct a service tonight at 7.

Memorials are to the relief fund for the fire and police departments of New York City.

William Hildinger

HUDSON — William A. "Bill" Hildinger, 60, died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2001, at 5:03 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Hildinger lived at Lake of the Woods in rural Hudson. He worked at Collins Olds for 20 years in the body shop and lived in rural Hudson for 30 years. He was owner and operator of Hildinger Property and Auto Damage Appraisal for the past 10 years.

He was an avid NASCAR fan and sponsored the HDA Racing Team. He was a member of Lake of the Woods Association.

He was born May 1, 1941, in Fort Wayne to William and Lois (Brudi) Hildinger. His mother survives in Garrett and his father preceded him in death.

His companion, Judith K. Schnurr, died in 1999.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Toby Hildinger of Miami, Fla., Pam and Mike Schieber of Ashley, and Jennifer and John Sproat of Fort Wayne; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Bob and Rikki Schnurr of Monroe, Mich., Anthony and Pam Schnurr of Indianapolis, and Donald Schnurr of Fort Wayne; one brother, Lou Hildinger of Indianapolis; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. The Rev. Ken Ludwig will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Osie LaRowe

AUBURN — Osie LaRowe, 97, died Monday, Sept. 24, 2001, at 8:30 p.m. at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Mrs. LaRowe was a homemaker and a member of the Concord United Methodist Church.

Mrs. LaRowe

She was born Feb. 16, 1904, in Continental, Ohio, to Charlie and Mary (Dickey) Berryhill.

She married William D. LaRowe on Oct. 1, 1925, in DeKalb County. He died May 23, 1991.

Surviving are three daughters, Betty Houser of Auburn, Joanne Dulle of Auburn and Nila Honaker of Thompkinsville, Ky.; one brother, Chester Berryhill of Warren; 13 grandchildren, nine stepgrandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Joyce Morr, two sisters: Mable Carper and Audrey Morr, and two brothers: Floyd and Russell Berryhill.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Barbara Cross officiating.

Calling is from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Burial will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to the Concord United Methodist Church.

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Ivah Deihl

KENDALLVILLE — Ivah Lucille Deihl, 85, died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Deihl

She and her husband owned and operated Deihl's Sporting Goods Store from 1951-1975. She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist.

She was born April 25, 1916, in Kendallville to Joseph and Elsie (Owen) Hockenbarger. On Nov. 29, 1936, she married Ford Deihl in Auburn, and he preceded her in death on May 4. A brother, John, and a sister, Agnes Hornett, are also deceased.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Leona and Rex Patterson of Helmer; and a brother and sister-in-law, Franklin and Betty Hockenbarger of Kendallville.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Trinity Church United Methodist, with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett and the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. There will be no calling. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Elpha Wright

DANVILLE — Elpha I. "Toni" Wright, 79, of Danville, formerly of Angola, died Monday, Sept. 24, 2001, as a result of an automobile accident on U.S. 36 in Avon.

Mrs. Wright was a receptionist-clerk for eight years at Indiana Green Thumb of Hendricks County Community Action, retiring earlier this year. She was catering manager at Pokagon State Park in Angola for nine years, as well as catering manager at several local restaurants in the Terre Haute area for many years.

She was born April 20, 1922, in Shepardsville, to James and Velma (Shores) Hargraves.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Otis Stanley Barnhart.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Tuttle of Danville and Sharon Rodich of Colorado; one son, David Barnhart of Texas; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at the Weaver & Randolph Funeral Home in Danville, with the Rev. Tom Stepanski officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Terre Haute.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

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Linda Stahl

CORUNNA — Linda M. Stahl, 55, died Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2001, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was a homemaker and worked at Albright's grocery store in Corunna.

Mrs. Stahl was born Feb. 5, 1946, in Auburn. Her husband, Syrene F. Stahl, preceded her in death in 1997.

Surviving her are one daughter, Suzanne M. Mosley of Corunna; a son, Jeffrey R. Stahl of Corunna; and a brother, Steve A. Leins of Corunna.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Thomas L. Leins; and a sister, Lois Collins.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Corunna Cemetery. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the family.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Evening Star, Thurs., Sept. 27, 2001 (cont'd)

Monroe Carney

LAGRANGE — Monroe E. Carney, 50, died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2001, at Lockefield Village in Indianapolis.

A former LaGrange resident, Mr. Carney was a security guard in Indianapolis, where he was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He graduated from Lakeland High School in 1970, and attended classes at Indiana-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

He was born Dec. 29, 1950, in LaGrange to John R. and Lulu Mae Carney. His mother survives.

Also surviving are a brother, John Philip Carney of Brownsburg; two nephews, Bill and Bob Carney, also of Brownsburg; and a niece and her husband, Sheila and Jason Damron of Bloomington.

His father preceded him in death in 1992.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Indianapolis, with calling from noon-2 p.m.

Services will also be held in LaGrange Saturday at 3 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, with Associate Bishop Lowell Tinsmeyer and Steve Malone officiating for both services. Calling will be at the funeral home Saturday from 1-3 p.m. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the World Trade Center Police Disaster Relief Fund at NYSFOP Foundation, WTC Police Disaster Fund, 911 Police Plaza, Hicksville, N.Y. 11801.

Mildred Hartman

KENDALLVILLE — Mildred M. Hartman, 81, died Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

A 1941 graduate of Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing in Evansville, she worked as a registered nurse at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville for over 20 years, retiring in 1981. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Garrett, the Alter Guild of the church and Aid Association for Lutherans.

She was born June 27, 1920, in Indianapolis to Henry August and Anna Henrietta (Lampe) Mertz. On Aug. 13, 1944, in Evansville, she married Ralph Robert Hartman, and he preceded her in death on June 18, 2000. A brother, Richard Mertz, also died in August 1990.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Elaine and James Beltz of Fort Wayne, Lorna Hartman of Defiance, Ohio, Barbara and the Rev. Nathan Rasti of Vincennes and Beth and Jeff Becker of Leesburg; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard Hartman of Williamsburg, Va., Kenneth and Colleen Hartman of Helmer and Curtis and Anna Hartman of Auburn; a sister, Lorette Stegeman of Yuma, Ariz.; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Garrett, with the Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church.

Raymond Hauck

WEST LAFAYETTE — Raymond C. Hauck, 70, died Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2001, at 1:30 a.m. in St. Elizabeth Medical Center at Lafayette.

Mr. Hauck worked in advertising. He had lived in West Lafayette for 10 years and resided at the Indiana Veterans Home there. He formerly lived in Garrett.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and member of American Legion Post 178 in Garrett.

He was born Jan. 1, 1931, in Garrett to William and Sadie (McAllister) Hauck.

Surviving are his sister, Beatrice Best of Florida; three nieces and their spouses, Anna and Curtis Hartman of Auburn, Elizabeth and Dale Rakestraw of Hamilton, and Cecelia Detzel of Maryland; five nephews and their wives, Art and Sue Gael of Florida, Alan and Marsha Gael of Fort Wayne, Marvin and Judy Gael of Butler, Jerry and Winnie Best of Michigan, and Gene and Cassie Best of Michigan.

A brother, William Hauck Jr., and a sister, Gertrude Gael, preceded him in death.

Military graveside services will be held Saturday at 4 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett, with the Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating.

Calling is Saturday from 2-4 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 178 or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Charles C. Castner

ANGOLA — Charles C. Castner, 73, died Thursday, Sept. 27, 2001, at his home.

A lifelong area resident, he was retired from Kraft Foods in Kendallville, where he worked as a boilerman.

He was born March 13, 1928, in Fremont to Grover and Ida (Halsey) Castner. On Oct. 23, 1948, he married Arvilla L. Rowlison in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Deborah Nelson and Shelley Castner, of Angola; three sons, Larry, Jerry and Danny Castner of Angola; a sister, Elsie Baxter of Rochester, Minn.; two half-brothers, Wymond Castner of Angola and Keith Castner of Charlotte, Mich.; 14 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Sherry Castner, and a son, Mark Castner, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at East Springfield Cemetery, LaGrange, with the Rev. Sam Sawyer officiating. There will be no calling. Fruriip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

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David L. Teel

CROMWELL — David L. Teel, 64, died Thursday, Sept. 27, 2001, at home.

A 30-year Cromwell area resident, he had worked in the maintenance department for Silgan Plastics, retiring after 27 years. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1955-57, and was a member of West Noble American Legion Post 243. He enjoyed making things in his woodworking shop and liked to hunt and fish.

He was born Feb. 18, 1937, in Charleston, W.Va., to Manuel R. and Lessie E. (Copen) Teel. On June 21, 1958, in Big Chimney, W.Va., he married Janet E. Copen, and she survives.

Also surviving are his mother, of Ligonier; a son, David Wayne Teel of Cromwell; two daughters and a son-in-law, Cindy Dooley of Fort Wayne and Christina L. and Kevin Davidson of Cromwell; a sister, Patricia A. Slone of Ligonier; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his father, his stepmother, Ruby, and a brother, Homer.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Thomas Wiegand of the Richville United Methodist Church officiating.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-8 p.m. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to Elkhart General Hospice.

Martha Best Rudnicki

WEEKI WACHEE, Fla. — Martha Best Rudnicki, 65, died Friday, Sept. 21, 2001, in her Florida home.

A Garrett native, she retired as a pharmacy technician for Keltsch Pharmacy and had worked at Best Drug Store in Garrett.

Mrs. Rudnicki was a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion, Churubusco Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10209 and the Order of Eastern Star. She was a Presbyterian.

She was born Nov. 14, 1935, in Auburn, to Oscar and Pearl (May) Best.

On April 15, 1998, she married Stanley Rudnicki, and he survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Deb Norden of Kendallville, Patty Rowe of Kendallville and Marilyn Denes of Auburn; four brothers, Gene Best of Albion, Norman Best of Indianapolis, Clarence Best of Auburn and Richard Best of Lafayette; six grandsons, Scott Walters, Jeremy Walters, Josh Walters, James Denes, Greg Denes and Cory Rowe; and one great-grandson, Blake Walters.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Marshall Rowe and David Garrison; two sons, Wayne Rowe and John Rowe; three brothers, Donal, Howard and Ralph Best; and one sister, Helen Baysinger.

Burial was Tuesday in Florida Hills Memorial Gardens, Springhill, Fla.

Memorials are to the Indiana School for the Deaf, 1200 East 42nd St., Indianapolis, IN 46205.

Guilford Edgar

LOON LAKE, Ind. — Guilford A. "Gil" Edgar, 74, died Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2001, at his Loon Lake home.

Mr. Edgar was a driver with Kroger Co. for 39 years, retiring in 1986. He was a member of Parkwood Church of God in Fort Wayne and attended Thorncreek Bethel Church of God in Columbia City.

He was born in Yoder. His wife, Betty, died earlier this year.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, David and Juanita Edgar of Auburn, Terry and Linda Edgar of Fort Wayne, and Ernest and Betty Edgar of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Dixie and Steve Richhart of New Haven, and Kay and Jim Elliott of Indianapolis; 16 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Jacob and Everett, and a sister, Lucy, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Parkwood Church of God, 3320 Trier Road, Fort Wayne, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Parkwood Church of God, Thorncreek Bethel Church of God, or the American Lung Association.

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Lela Daisy-Burge

KOKOMO — Lela V. Daisy-Burge, 86, died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2001, at 3:45 p.m. in St. Joseph Hospital & Health Center.

Mrs. Daisy-Burge retired from Delco Electronics in June of 1974 after 28 years of service. She was a member of the Alto United Methodist Church, where she was a former choir member. She also was a member of the Senior Citizens, the Independent Order of Foresters and UAW Local 292.

Her activities included dancing, playing euchre and tending the roses in her flower garden.

She was born in Alto on June 22, 1915, to Aaron and Nancy (Ray) Hicks.

She was married in Kokomo on Aug. 5, 1934, to William H. Daisy, and he died Aug. 31, 1967.

On Dec. 11, 1971, she married Roy Burge, who died June 20, 1974.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, William J. and Delores "Dee" Daisy of Kokomo; one daughter, Connie F. Frey of Angola; four stepsons and step-daughters-in-law, David and Peggy Burge, Delbert and Viola Burge and Bob and Linda Mae Burge, all of Kokomo, and Donald and Connie Burge of Bennett Switch; five step-daughters and three stepsons-in-law, Betty and Bill Bean, Katy and John Young, Kay and Don Oglageo, all of Kokomo, Linda Miller of Peru and Mary Fields of Bunker Hill; two grandsons, William M. Daisy of Los Angeles and Richard Frey of Huntington; and five granddaughters, Karen Shiriaev of Fort Wayne, Cindi Chapman of Delphi, Susan Miller of Oviedo, Fla., Debbie Massey of Stroh and Cathy Bodle of Fort Wayne; several stepgrandchildren, eight great-grandsons, four great-granddaughters; several stepgreat-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and several great-great-stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Albert, Ralph, Elmer and Joseph Hicks; one sister, Mary Jane Little; and one great-grandson, Richard J. Frey.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Fenn & Shirley Mortuary, Colonial Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road, Kokomo, with Pastor Robert Trueblood officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at the mortuary.

Memorials are to the Alto United Methodist Church, 2102 W. Alto Road, Kokomo, 46902, or the Alzheimer's Association, 9135 N. Meridian St. Ste. B-4, Indianapolis IN 46209-7109.

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Bertha M. Gilbert

LAGRANGE — Bertha M. Gilbert, 104, of LaGrange and formerly of Milford, died Friday, Sept. 28, 2001, in LaGrange.

A Milford native, she earned a bachelor's degree from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. She taught piano for almost 60 years and was a member of Bethel Church of the Brethren in Milford.

Surviving are a daughter, Alyce McKenzie of LaGrange; a stepson, Art of North Manchester; three grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, five great-grandchildren and six stepgreat-granchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Pearle Wehrly and Arthur Gilbert, and two sisters.

Services are Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home in Milford.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. Monday. Burial will be at Milford Cemetery.

Memorials are to Camp Mack or Gideons.

Mary Braden

FORT WAYNE — Mary C. Braden, 69, died Thursday, Sept. 27, 2001, at 11:15 p.m. in her home.

Mrs. Braden was a lifelong Fort Wayne resident and an avid volunteer. She was a charter member of the Foellinger-Freimann Conservateers, formed in 1984, and a volunteer Ambassador at the Embassy Theatre.

Mrs. Braden

She was born in Fort Wayne on April 11, 1932, to John and Mabel (Golden) Kensill.

She married Robert D. Braden on July 26, 1952. He survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a son, Jeff, of Burbank, Calif.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet S. and Pat O'Connor, and Julie A. and Jeff Johnson, all of Fort Wayne; one brother, Charles E. Kensill of Angola; and three grandchildren, Mary C. Connor, Alex R. Matteson and Kyle M. Johnson.

A brother and sister, Joan Poer and Robert Kensill, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11:45 a.m. in Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3425 Crescent Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery on Wallen Road. A luncheon will be held at the church following the burial.

Calling is today from noon to 7 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice, Cancer Services of Allen County and Holy Cross Stephen Ministry.

Hazel Stroman

KENDALLVILLE — Hazel L. Stroman, 96, died Saturday, Sept. 29, 2001, at 3:25 a.m. in the Shepherd of the Hill nursing home. She had resided there for the past four months. She had been a resident of the Lamplighter since 1989.

Mrs. Stroman retired from Kendallville's J.C. Penney store in 1970 after 25 years of service. She and her husband, Doyne, started Stroman Electronics in Kendallville in 1945 with Mrs. Stroman as president. Currently the store is owned and operated by her son and daughter, Darol Stroman and Sue Huff.

Mrs. Stroman

She was a 1923 graduate of Kendallville High School and a member of First Christian Church, where she was baptized in 1921. She also was involved in the Golden Circle Sunday School class, the Ladies' Aid and the Second Time Around Social/Travel Club. She also belonged to card-playing clubs through the years.

She was born on the Poppy Homestead in Noble County on Sept. 27, 1905, to Charles Poppy and Effie Sawyer.

She married Doyne Emerick Stroman on June 22, 1929, in Angola. He died in February 1956.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Darol and Karen Stroman of Kendallville; a daughter, Sue Huff of Kendallville; a brother, Harold Poppy of Kendallville, five grandchildren and their spouses, Cathy and Michael Pratrick of Kentwood, Mich., Brad Huff of Kremmling, Colo., Scott and Sue Stroman of London, England, Dr. Steven and Patty Stroman of Green Bay, Wis., and Kimberley and Jim Williams of Kendallville; and 13 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Luella Newman.

Visitation will be held Monday from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial will be at the Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to First Christian Church Building Fund.

Florence A. Buirley

CROMWELL — Florence A. Buirley, 80, died Saturday, Sept. 29, 2001, at 5 a.m. at her home at Knapp Lake, Cromwell. She had been in failing health since February.

Mrs. Buirley lived in Fort Wayne until 1982, when she moved to Cromwell. While in Fort Wayne, she was employed at the Fort Wayne License Bureau and American Federal Savings and Loan.

She was a member of Broadway Christian Church, served on the Fort Wayne Community Schools Board and Fort Wayne Public Library Board, and served as a committee chairwoman of the national Democratic Party.

She was born May 21, 1921, in Fort Wayne to Albert and Margaret (Wills) Browning.

She married Richard E. Buirley on Oct. 19, 1940, in Fort Wayne. He died Aug. 17, 2000.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ron Buirley of Fort Wayne and Kenneth E. and Toi Buirley of Cromwell; a sister, Mary K. Banks of Clearwater, Fla.; and one grandchild.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Francis Browning.

Calling hours are 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Services are Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Lee Belleman of Broadway Christian Church officiating. Burial will be at Thorn Cemetery in Ormas.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Dorothy Holt

ANGOLA — Dorothy Jane (Murray) Holt, 82, died Saturday, Sept. 29, 2001, at her home in Angola.

Mrs. Holt had worked as a waitress. She was born in Logan County, W. Va. on July 27, 1919, to James and Sara (Rankin) Murray.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Holt of Chicago; two sons, Simms Elam and Larry Elam, both of Fort Wayne; five daughters, Shirley Damron of Henrietta, Texas, Shelly Conley of Okinawa, Japan, and Margie Watson, Carol Hernandez and Judy Stevens, all of Angola; one brother, Walter Murray of St. Augustine, Fla.; two sisters, Drurie Mounts of West Virginia and Sonjia Marrs of May Meadows, Va.; 17 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Kelly Elam; her first husband, William G. Elam, in 1990; three sisters and two brothers.

Visitation hours will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice in Angola.

Rick Streb

KENDALLVILLE — Rick Alan Streb, 53, died Friday, Sept. 28, 2001, at his place of employment, the Lamplighter, after a sudden illness.

Mr. Streb

Mr. Streb graduated from Kendallville High School in 1965 and had been a maintenance worker at the Lamplighter for 12 years.

He was born Nov. 8, 1947, in Kendallville to Charles Streb and Virginia (Cunningham) Streb Houser, who preceded him in death.

Surviving are his daughter, Tammy Streb of Kendallville, his companion, Kris Davidson of Kendallville, his companion's son and daughter, Krystal Davidson and Derek Davidson, both of Kendallville, and his companion's grandson, Devin Davidson. Also surviving are two sisters, Kelly North of Alaska and Chareen Rigsby of Kendallville, and two brothers, Steve Streb and Paul Streb, both of Missouri.

Viewing will be held Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating. Burial will be at the Lake View Cemetery.

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Harry Stoner

PORTLAND, Ind. — Harry L. "Butch" Stoner, 55, died Saturday morning, Sept. 29, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stoner had worked for the Portland Police Department for 18 years and had been manager of the Portland Lumber Co. for 10 years. He worked as a production manager for Createc Corp. of Portland and had been a self-employed contractor prior to his illness.

He was a a member of the Portland Masonic Lodge and a former member of the Portland Moose Lodge.

He was born June 24, 1946, in Fort Wayne to Evan and Doris (Safford) Stoner.

He married Vicki Henry on March 26, 1996, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Brian S. and Jessica Stoner of Berne; one daughter, Sara L. Stoner of Angola; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Tonya and Richard Foster of Union City, Julie and Jason Weatherhead of Portland, and Brooke Henry, at home; one brother and sister-in-law, Barry and Deb Stoner of Geneva; and 10 grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Portland Chapel of Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home. Pastor Hugh Kelly will officiate. Burial will be in Salamonia Cemetery in Salamonia, Ind.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Jay County Heart Foundation.

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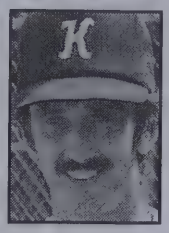
Allen Sprague

LIGONIER — Allen Gene Sprague, 48, died Sunday, Sept. 30, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A lifelong Ligonier and Kimmell area resident, he graduated from West Noble High School and was an avid Indiana University basketball fan. He coached Little League in Kimmell for 26 years, and was treasurer for the Noble-LaGrange Quarter/Half-Pint League. He was also a licensed baseball umpire for the Indiana High School Athletic Association. He was a member and past president of the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club, and worked at Reid's NAPA Auto Parts in Ligonier. He enjoyed bowling.


Mr. Sprague

He was born Sept. 28, 1953, in LaGrange, to Adrian J. and Orpha M. (Weade) Sprague.

Surviving are four brothers and a sister-in-law, Richard Sprague of Auburn, Roger Sprague of Ligonier and Harold, Stanley and Christina Sprague, all of Fort Wayne; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Darlene Sprague of Ligonier and Marlene and Leroy Rupert of Kendallville; and his fiance, Karen Richendollar of Ligonier.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Assembly of God in Ligonier, with the Rev. Bill Parks officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Kimmell Baseball Association.

Joy Schmidt

CHURUBUSCO — Joy A. Schmidt, 66, of rural Churubusco, died Saturday, Sept. 29, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She earned a nursing certificate from Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne and worked as a nurse at Parkview Hospital for 15 years, retiring in 1994. She was a member of St. John Bosco Church in Churubusco, and enjoyed crafts projects.

Mrs. Schmidt

She was born Jan. 7, 1935, in Sebree, Ky., to Matt and Effie Littlepage Sellers. A graduate of Evansville Reitz High School, she married Paul A. Schmidt on Feb. 11, 1956, in San Diego, Calif. The couple moved to Churubusco from Lostant, Ill., in 1973.

Surviving are her husband; three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Mike Boyd of Raton, N.M., Vicki and Chris Andreas of Columbia City and Nancy and Jim Ritchie of Fort Wayne; three sons and a daughter-in-law, William Schmidt of Elkhart and Jim A. Schmidt and John and Jeri Schmidt, all of Churubusco; two brothers and sisters-in-law, William and Betty Sellers of Mount Vernon and Donald and Kay Sellers of Indianapolis; seven sisters and two brothers-in-law, Faye Dority, Helen Cox, Nina Jean Sellers, Sue and Jerry Reid, Mary Lou Ludden and Wanda and Ted North, all of Evansville, and Jane McBroom of Indianapolis; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco, with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with a rosary recited at 8 p.m. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery in Noble County.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Elsie Keck

AUBURN — Elsie S. Keck, 85, died Sunday, Sept. 30, 2001, at 5:05 p.m. in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

Mrs. Keck was a homemaker and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, where she taught Sunday School for over 30 years. She also was active in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and the church's women's society. She was a member of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and worked in The Curiosity Shop.

Mrs. Keck

She was born Aug. 11, 1916, in Avilla to Michael Albert Keck and Minnie Rose (Diehm) Keck.

She married Wayne E. Sweet on Oct. 2, 1937, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla. He died May 2, 1966.

She married Robert H. Keck on Dec. 7, 1967. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Michael Wayne Sweet of Fort Wayne, DeWayne Keck of Montoursville, Pa., and DeWight Keck of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Barbara Ann Gordon of Auburn; one sister, Lucille Mary Isabell of Flat Rock, Mich.; 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, David and Charles Sweet, and two sisters, Rosanna Jane Koch and Martha Ellen Greenwood.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Elwood Emenhiser

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Elwood C. Emenhiser, 64, died Saturday, Sept. 29, 2001, at 3:55 p.m. in Franciscan Care Center in Sylvania, Ohio, where he had been a patient since May 1.

He retired from Bohn Aluminum Co. in Butler in 1989 and lived on North Main Street in Hicksville.

Mr. Emenhiser was born March 5, 1937, in Allen County, Ind., to Charles W. and Irene (Heckler) Emenhiser.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Coleen and Michael Szyskowski of Toledo, Ohio, Dawn and Kevin Murphy of Auburn, Lesa and Patrick Smith of Leo, and Elizabeth Renee and Rick Wilson of Lexington, Ky.; one son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Becki Emenhiser of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Jerry Emenhiser of Butler, Stan Emenhiser of St. Joe and Mike Emenhiser of Woodburn; six sisters, Maxine Voirol of Avilla, Bertha Gerardot of New Haven, Mary Geesaman and Gloria Inlow, both of Fort Wayne, Lois Peterson of Orland and Ruth Wonderly of Hicksville; 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Amy Norwald, and four brothers, Kenny, Ron, Allen and Charles.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. The Rev. Richard A. Austin will officiate. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Allen County.

Calling is Tuesday after 3 p.m. and Wednesday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Irene Osbun

AUBURN — Irene Lucile Osbun, 91, died Sunday, Sept. 30, 2001, at 8:25 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Osbun was a homemaker. She worked at Charleston Metal Products, Waterloo, from 1969 to 1971. Her hobbies were crocheting, knitting and sewing.

She was born Aug. 2, 1910, in Grant Township of DeKalb County to Milo and Lennie (Albright) Weinhold.

She married Donald Clyde Osbun on Nov. 14, 1942, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Donald Lloyd Osbun of Dunn, N.C.; a daughter, Nettie Goings of Auburn; a brother, Harry Lloyd Weinhold of Hamilton; three grandchildren, Robert Goings, Benjamin Osbun and Marlene Inscore; and four great-grandchildren, Nathan Goings, Taylor Goings, Alexis Inscore and Danialle Osbun.

One brother and one sister preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Caling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the central wing nursing staff at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

David Jones

CORUNNA — David Jones, 43, died Sunday, Sept. 30, 2001, at his home.

Mr. Jones

Mr. Jones worked for Klink Concrete and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He was born Feb. 15, 1958, in McDowell, Ky., to Alonzo and Ioma Ruth (Ousley) Jones. On Nov. 29, 1986, in Kendallville, he married Susan Colleen Hackett. His wife and parents survive.

Also surviving are two sons, David Jones of Mongo and Cameron Norris, a Huntington College student; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Brian Penick of LaGrange and Amber and Matt Palmer of Wolcottville; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Diana and Delane Scott of Ashley, Gena Jones of Kendallville and Robin and Shawn Goodell of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Coty Penick and Saige Norris; and his parents-in-law, Mike and Leeanne Hackett of Adams Lake, Wolcottville.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Gene Flickenger of Wayne Center United Methodist Church officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Memorials in lieu of flowers are to the Leo David Jones Memorial Fund.

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Ray M. Kehr

KENDALLVILLE — Ray M. Kehr, 92, died Monday, Oct. 1, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was an airline mechanic and worked for Branif Airlines, retiring in December, 1964. He was also an avid bowler and worked at Kendallville Bowling Alley after his retirement.

He was born May 24, 1909, to Clarence W. and Martha V. Detwiler Kehr in Syracuse. He married Goldie Smith on May 10, 1930, in Elkhart, and she preceded him in death in 1954. A sister is also deceased.

Surviving are three nephews, David Stout of Kendallville and Phillip and Tom Stout of Ligonier.

Services will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday. Burial will be in Boswell Cemetery in Boswell, Ind.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Paul Firestone

FREMONT — Paul V. Firestone, 81, died Sunday, Sept. 30, 2001, at Englewood Health Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne.

He was a retired laborer and lived in Fremont.

Mr. Firestone was born May 13, 1920, in Montgomery, Mich., to Garlyn and Lura (Seiple) Firestone.

He married Ida C. Ward on Aug. 2, 1953, in Cadillac, Mich. She died Feb. 27, 1991.

Surviving are one son, Jim Firestone of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Celestia Firestone of Irving, Texas; three sisters, Esther Smith of Hartselle, Ala., Leora Weber of Waynesboro, Pa., and Grace Fansler of Fremont; one brother, Floyd Firestone of Angola; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, two brothers, and one grandson.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Dale Gerig officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice or the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Luella Brand

FORT WAYNE — Luella M. Brand, 79, died Monday, Oct. 1, 2001, at Heritage Park Health Care in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Brand

Mrs. Brand worked at Auburn Abstract Co. for 18 years, retiring in 1989, and was church secretary at the Sherman Boulevard Church of God in Fort Wayne, where she was a member.

She lived in Fort Wayne and was a formerly resident in Auburn. She was a 50-year member of the Jacksonettes Extension Homemakers Club.

She was born July 20, 1922, in Auburn.

Surviving are her husband, Fred Brand Jr. of Fort Wayne; her former husband, Russell Kruse of Auburn; five sons, Dean Kruse, David Kruse, Derald Kruse and Dennis Kruse, all of Auburn, and Daniel Kruse of San Antonio, Texas; two daughters, Diann Ferris of Vernal, Utah, and Debra Shoaff of Leo; three stepdaughters, Brenda Clifford and Amelia Klingensmith, both of Fort Wayne, and Valerie Oberlin of Auburn; one sister, Lenora Johnson of Auburn; 28 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Lawrence Boger, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Sherman Boulevard Church of God, 902 Putnam St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the church.

Audrey Carrington

SIDNEY, Ohio — Audrey E. Carrington, 85, died Friday, Sept. 28, 2001, at Dorothy Love Retirement Community in Sidney, Ohio.

She formerly lived in New Paris, Ohio, and was a former member of the Eastern Star in New Paris.

Mrs. Carrington was born Oct. 31, 1915, in Richmond, Ind., to Elmer and Eloda (Caldwell) Harris.

She married Carl R. Carrington on Dec. 24, 1938 in Richmond, and he died March 20, 1978.

Surviving her are two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Phyllis Creviston of Mount Juliet, Tenn., and Lewis and Pennie Carrington of Berrien, Mich.; one daughter and son-in-law, Dianne and Hank Millet of Piqua, Ohio; two brothers, Elmer Harris and Paul Harris, both of Chickasha, Okla.; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Monday at Earlham Cemetery in Richmond, with Dr. Fred Lacuesta officiating.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross, 1314 Barnhart Road, Troy OH 45373 or the American Cancer Society, 20 W. Main St., Springfield OH 45502.

Condolences may be sent to www.melcher-sowers.com.

THE EVENING STAR
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2001

Rollin Dygert

ANGOLA — Rollin J. Dygert, 84, died Saturday, Sept. 29, 2001, in the VA Hospital in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

He had been a school administrator, assistant superintendent and teacher in Muncie. He was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and Angola Moose lodge, and a life member of the Angola Elks lodge.

Mr. Dygert was a pilot for the Army Air Corps in World War II, flying 30 missions, including the first mission of the D-Day invasion. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross, an Air Medal, and four oak leaf clusters.

He was born Feb. 27, 1917, in Angola to Levi and Bernice (Balding) Dygert.

Surviving are two sons, Dan Dygert of Bakersfield, Calif., and Rollin Jon Dygert of Waynesboro, Tenn.; one stepdaughter, Carolyn Goodwin of Muncie; one brother, Wendell Dygert of Columbia City; six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

One sister, Dorothy Taylor, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Dr. Norman Glassburn officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with military rites by Angola American Legion Post 31.

There will be no calling.

Opal Smolinske

KENDALLVILLE — Opal Smolinske, 88, died Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She was a lifelong area resident and had resided at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home for three years. She retired in 1976 after 25 years at Kraft Foods in Kendallville, and was a former member of the Bible study group at Faith United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Smolinske

She was born Sept 25, 1913, in Steuben County to Dea and Naomi (Van Pelt) Ferris. On Nov. 26, 1931, in Kendallville, she married Robert Smolinske, and he preceded her in death Nov. 13, 1990. Two brothers, Cleo and Weir Ferris, are also deceased.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth D. and Juanita Smolinske of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Betty Jean and Jack Edmonds of Brimfield and Joan Marie and Skip Klink of Angola; a brother, Doyne Ferris, of Niceville, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole of Faith United Methodist Church officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the church, the Garden of the Good Shepherd at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home or a charity of the donor's choice.

Philip Straw

VERO BEACH, Fla. — Philip Straw, 59, died Thursday, Sept. 27, 2001, at Indian River Memorial Hospital after a prolonged illness.

Mr. Straw was a draftsman for 10 years for R.B. & W. Powdered Metal Products in Coldwater, Mich. He lived in Vero Beach for 14 years, moving there from Coldwater, and was an 11-year volunteer of Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution of Fort Pierce, Fla. In 1998 he received its Volunteer of the Year Award. He was a member of the Vero Beach Amateur Radio Club.

He was born June 15, 1942, in Coldwater, Mich.

Surviving him are one son, Robert Straw of Angola; his father, William Cleaver Straw of Montgomery, Mich.; a sister, Diane Rubley of Coldwater; a stepmother, Amy Straw of Montgomery; two grandchildren, Shelby Straw of Angola and Joshua Kidd of Quincy, Mich.; and a companion, Sharon Unterkircher.

A private memorial service was held today at Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, 3375 20th St., Suite 100, Vero Beach FL 32960 or the Phil Straw Fund at Harbor Beach Oceanographic Institution, 5600 U.S. 1 North, Fort Pierce, FL 34946.

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Arnold Leas

RICHMOND, Ind. — Arnold M. "Jake" Leas, 86, died Sept. 17, 2001, in Reid Hospital in Richmond.

Mr. Leas was a chemical engineer and was a retired corporate director of research and development for Ashland Oil Co. He was a graduate of Tri-State University in Angola and had been designated a Kentucky Colonel by the state of Kentucky.

He was born July 19, 1915, in Steuben County to Warren and Leola (Spangler) Leas.

He married Helen Strait, who survives.

Also surviving him are two brothers, Vance Leas of Ashley and Harold Rex Leas of Arcadia, Fla.; and one sister, Phyllis Knight of Lancaster, Calif.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Lawrence, Lyle, Eugene and Robert Leas, and one sister, Latrialle Reinoehl.

Memorial services were held Sept. 24 in Golden Oaks Memorial Gardens, Ashland, Ky., with the Rev. Arthur Scott officiating.

Kilgore and Collier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Helen Stayner

ANGOLA — Helen M. Stayner, 91, died Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2001, in Angola.

Mrs. Stayner was an inspector at Weatherhead in Angola and was a member of the Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola.

She was born Sept. 1, 1910, in St. Joseph, Mich., to Claude and Ethel (Dolph) Thomas.

She married Robert Stayner on March 3, 1928. He died Nov. 25, 1995.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Catherine Stayner of Hudson; seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, John L. Stayner on June 20, 2001, and Roy C. Stayner on April 28, 1998.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Jackson Prairie Cemetery, Steuben County, with Tim Seevers officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Pleasant View Church of Christ or Cameron Hospice.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Morris Haynes

GARRETT — Morris Haynes, 89, died Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2001, at 1 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mr. Haynes retired in 1981 from the Auburn Foundry after 51 years of service. He lived in Garrett.

He was born Sept. 1, 1912, in DeKalb County to Richard and Elsie (Kemery) Haynes.

He married Cleatus Thompson on Jan. 15, 1935. She died March 24, 1997.

Surviving are one son, Robert E. Haynes of Churubusco; one daughter, Sharilyn Greenfield of Cape Coral, Fla.; one half-sister, Ruth Stahl of Stroh; four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

One brother and two half-sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Row officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

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Ray Kehr

KENDALLVILLE — Ray M. Kehr, 92, died Monday, Oct. 1, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was an airline mechanic and worked for Branif Airlines, retiring in December, 1964. He was also an avid bowler and worked at Kendallville Bowling Alley after his retirement.

He was born May 24, 1909, to Clarence W. and Martha V. (Detwiler) Kehr in Syracuse. He married Goldie Smith on May 10, 1930, in Elkhart, and she preceded him in death in 1954. A sister and a nephew, Phillip Stout of Ligonier, are also deceased.

Surviving are two nephews, David Stout of Kendallville and Tom Stout of Ligonier.

Services will be held today at 7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. today. Burial will be in Boswell Cemetery in Boswell, Ind.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Velma Stoppenhagen

ANGOLA — Velma C. Stoppenhagen, 86, died Tuesday, October 2, 2001, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola. Born in rural Fort Wayne, she was a homemaker.

Her husband, Alvin J., died in 1995.

Surviving are a brother, Clarence G. Nahrwold of Fort Wayne, and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana 930 E., New Haven. Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Kenneth Miller

ROCKFORD, Ill. — Kenneth Miller, 71, a DeKalb County native, died Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2001, at 3:40 a.m. in his Rockford home.

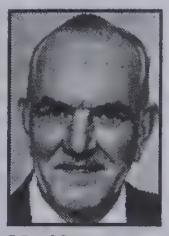
Services will be held Friday at 11:30 a.m. in Holy Family Catholic Church, Rockford.

Calling is Saturday at 10 a.m. in Catholic Cemetery Chapel, Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne, with a service and burial at 10:30 a.m.

Richard Harmes

CORUNNA — Richard L. Harmes, 70, died Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2001, at 12:48 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Harmes lived in Corunna and worked in the maintenance department of American Hoist Co. in Fort Wayne for 17 years. He retired in 1995 from Kendallville Foundry's maintenance department.



Mr. Harmes

He was a Korean conflict veteran of the U.S. Army, discharged in 1953, and was a member of Kendallville Veterans of Foreign Post 2749.

He was born Feb. 12, 1931, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, to Theodore and Rose Anna (Vogtman) Harmes.

He married Juanita Sayles on Oct. 22, 1954, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Keith and Delsie Harmes of Waterloo, and Mark and Stacey Harmes of Butler; two daughters, Linda Hess of Lake of the Woods, and Deborah Parshall of Quincy, Mich.; two brothers, Max Harmes and Tom Harmes, both of Corunna; one sister, Phyllis Ladd of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

One sister preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Richard Pickard will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna.

Calling is Friday from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Corunna Volunteer Fire Department.

Elizabeth Wolfe

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Elizabeth C. Wolfe, 93, died Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2001, at 5:40 p.m. in Hickory Creek Nursing Home, where she resided for the past 2 1/2 years.

Mrs. Wolfe lived in Hicksville and worked at General Electric Co. and Morrill Motors, both in Fort Wayne.

She attended Hicksville High School and Fort Wayne International Business College. She was a member of Hicksville First Presbyterian Church and a charter member of the Hicksville American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born May 13, 1908, in Hicksville to Chancy and Luella DeLong.

She married Lester Wolfe in September 1929. He died in 1957.

Surviving her are one daughter, JoElla A. Gregg of Fort Wayne; one sister, Frances Hardman of Butler; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Alice Krontz and Lela Singleton, and one brother, Edward Smart.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. The Rev. John Naugle, pastor of Hicksville First Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Allen County, Ind.

Calling is Friday after 3 p.m. and Saturday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hicksville First Presbyterian Church.

Henry Snyder

ST. JOE — Henry L. Snyder, 85, died Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2001, at 7:46 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Snyder was a retired farmer and worked for Warner Gear in Auburn for 25 years, retiring in 1980. He was a member of Concord United Methodist Church and attended Big Run United Methodist Church.

He was born Feb. 18, 1916, in Allen County to William J. and Alma A. (Rice) Snyder.

He married Wilma Gafken on July 4, 1937, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Richard L. Snyder of Waterloo, Larry L. Snyder of Turkey Lake, Stroh, Rex A. Snyder of St. Joe and Van S. Snyder of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Jimmy Dale Snyder, two brothers, Rex and George Snyder, and one sister, Gladys Stonebraker.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 N. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Luke McCoy

AUBURN — Luke Wayne McCoy, 27 months old, died Monday, Oct. 1, 2001, at his home in rural Auburn.

He was born June 29, 1999, to Jeff and Rebecca (Schlatter) McCoy. They survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are two brothers, Daniel and Isaac, both of Auburn; his grandparents, Larry and Roseann Kinsey of St. Joe, Paul and Teresa McCoy of Columbia City, Roger Schlatter of Fort Wayne and Penny Favory of Auburn; two great-grandmothers, Ethel Byerley of Auburn and Elizabeth Schlatter of Fort Wayne; his aunts and uncles, Regina and Virgil Duke of Spencerville, Angie and Aaron Price of Auburn, Rex and Robin Schlatter of St. Joe, Rick and Nancy Schlatter of Leo, Roger and Lani Schlatter of St. Joe, Robert Schlatter of Harlan, Barry and Mary McCoy of Churubusco, Terry McCoy of Churubusco, Brian McCoy of Indianapolis, and Rodney Schlatter of St. Joe; and several cousins.

His great-grandfather, Clifford Schlatter, preceded him in death.

Services were held today at 11 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with Pastor Dean Morris officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Memorials are to the Children First Center, Auburn.

Condolences may be sent to SympathyCBW@aol.com.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2001

Josephine Cole

KENDALLVILLE — Josephine Cole, 86, died Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

A homemaker, Mrs. Cole had lived in Albion since 1933. She was a member of the Rebecca Ladies Aid Society.

She was born Jan. 26, 1915, in Elkhart County, to Floyd and Wilma Hall. She married Carl Schott Sr. in 1933, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 17, 1964. On April 29, 1972, she married Ray Cole, and he died Sept. 25, 1992.

Surviving are two sons, Carl of Albion and Don of Chandler, Ariz.; a brother, Laurel Hall, of Goshen; five grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Brizzell Funeral Home in Albion, with the Rev. Gerald Ringenberg officiating. Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Orange Township Cemetery, Rome City.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Donna Mae Ross

PLEASANT LAKE — Donna Mae Ross, 67, died Thursday, Oct. 4, 2001, in LaGrange Community Hospital.

She had been a longtime resident of the Steuben County Rest Home.

She was born April 18, 1914, to Harry and Gertie (Hudson) Ross.

She was a nurse's aide at Sheehy Nursing Home in Butler and Edith Nursing Home in Angola.

Surviving is one cousin, Richard McNett of Fort Wayne.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Pleasant Lake Cemetery, with the Rev. Robert Sauer officiating.

Arrangements are by Wenger Funeral Home in Angola.

John Shull Sr.

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — John L. Shull Sr., 67, died Thursday, Oct. 4, 2001, at 4:40 a.m. in his Hicksville home. He had been in failing health for the past 10 years.

Mr. Shull retired in October 1993 from Dallas and Morris delivery service for International Harvester trucks in Fort Wayne and Springfield, Ohio, where he worked for over 25 years. He was a member of the Hicksville First Baptist Church, Hardee's Coffee Club and the Teamsters Union. He served in the U.S. Army.

He was born Sept. 4, 1934, in Spencerville, Ind., to Garth and Pearl (McCutcheon) Shull.

He married Sharon Luce in 1967 in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Sabrina Shull of Hicksville; two sons, Jerry Shull of Newville and Dr. John Shull Jr. of Oakdale, Calif.; one sister, Middi Shull of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

One sister, Geraldine Harner, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Todd Steere, pastor of Coburn Corners Church of Christ, St. Joe, will officiate. Burial will be in Alton Cemetery, rural St. Joe.

Calling is Sunday after 4 p.m. and Monday after 8 a.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice-The Caring Way of Defiance County or the Huntington Disease Society.

Margaret H. Wooster

LIGONIER — Margaret H. Wooster, 91, of Wauseon, Mich., died Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2001.

Her husband, Rupert, preceded her in death. Her son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Karleen Wooster of Thousand Oaks, Calif., survive.

Services will be held Saturday at 12:30 p.m., Michigan time, at Lewis E. Watt & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Charlotte, Mich. Calling will be today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m., Michigan time. Graveside services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Michigan Heart Association, or the group's on-line address www.legacy.com.

Marie A. Strauss

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Marie A. Strauss, 67, died Thursday, Oct. 4, 2001, at home.

A homemaker, she worked for 20 years as a seamstress for Kasson Fit of Ohio in Pioneer, returning in 1990. Prior to that, she worked as a seamstress for Aske's in Frontier, Mich., for four years.

She was born May 4, 1934, in St. Joseph County, Fawn River Township, Mich., to Arthur H. and Leona (Harding) Yacke. Her fiance, Robert Sorum, preceded her in death in 1990.

Surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Rosemarie and Leon Robertson and Margaret E. Strauss of Montpelier, Clara B. Burns of Howe, Peggy and Millard McClowar of Camden, Mich., and Susan and Jerry Potts of Alvordton, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Arthur Sr. and Sharon Strauss of Montpelier; three brothers, Harry and Arthur Yacke Jr. of Howe and and Robert Yacke of Everett, Mich.; two sisters, Florence Malseed of Osseo, Mich., and Dorothy Windle of Michigan City, Ind.; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Thompson Funeral Home in Montpelier, with the Rev. Don Harris officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 1-6 p.m. and Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier.

Memorials are to Hospice the Caring Way or Williams County Cancer Assistance.

Timothy Paul Scanlon

KENDALLVILLE — Timothy Paul Scanlon, 52, died Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2001, at his Kendallville home.

A 1965 graduate of McIntosh High School in Auburn, he worked as a welder at Teleflex in Kendallville. He was a member of Post 178 of the Sons of the American Legion in Garrett.

He was born Oct. 7, 1948, in Oswego, N.Y., to James Francis and Vesta C. (McCumber) Scanlon. On Aug. 21, 1980, in Minneapolis, Minn., he married Nancy Marie Remer, and she survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son, Matthew Justin, of Kendallville; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Jim and Karen Scanlon of Auburn, Mike Scanlon of Angola and Rory and Toni Scanlon of Fort Wayne; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Sherri Karn of Atlanta and Pat and Mike Roberts of Palm Harbor, Fla.

Services will be held Saturday at noon at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon.

Willard Smith

LUDLOW, Mass. — Willard D. "Smitty" Smith, 63, died Saturday, Sept. 29, 2001,

Mr. Smith worked for Kraft-Alliant Food Service for 29 years before retiring in July.

He was born in 1937 in Angola and was a graduate of Fremont High School. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and an avid fisherman and woodworker.

Surviving him are his wife of 40 years, Sherry (Ballard) Smith; his children, Kimberly Dagenais of Virginia, Mark Smith of Chicopee, Mass., and Brett Smith of Ludlow; four sisters, Louella Root of Fremont, Laura Short of Angola, Ruth Ann Tatro of Auburn, and Patty Smith of Butler; and seven grandchildren, Amanda, Lillian, Marissa, Lauren and Will Dagenais, Terry Smith and Cassandra Smith.

Two brothers, Leland and Bernie Smith, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Wilbraham Funeral Home, 2551 Boston Road, Ludlow, with calling after noon. Private burial services will take place in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam, Mass.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, D.C. 20013, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

M. Alberta Koons

AVILLA — M. Alberta Koons, 96, died Thursday, Oct. 4, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Koons

She was a prominent businesswoman and lifelong Avilla resident whose family owned the Avilla Hardware Store from 1918-1977. Her early start in business, helping her father in the store, developed until she became sole owner and proprietor. The store stocked everything from nails to needles, and Koons was affectionately known throughout the town as "the hardware lady."She returned that affection with enough familiarity with residents to name each one. She enjoyed many hobbies, including needlework, basket-making and wood refinishing.

She was born July 1, 1905, in Kendallville, to Ray M. and Cordelia (Weaver) Bozer. On Feb. 26, 1938, in Fremont, she married Norman J. Koons, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 25, 1994. A sister, Nevelyn Young, is also deceased.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Evelyn Rose Becker

WOLCOTTVILLE — Evelyn Rose Becker, 75, died Thursday, Oct. 4, 2001, at home.

A 1944 Ligonier High School graduate, she was retired from Starcraft and had also worked in the Downtown Garment Factory in the 1940s and 1950s, and the Indiana State House in Indianapolis. She was a graphic designer and helped organize the Stone's Trace Pioneer Festival in Ligonier. A painter, she was a member of the LaGrange County Art Club, as well as the Wolcottville United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 243 Auxiliary of Ligonier and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born April 3, 1926, in Ligonier, to Franklin Otto Fisel and Evangeline Ruth (Donley) Fisel Plummer. On Oct. 12, 1946, in Cosperville, she married Virgil Norman Becker, and he preceded her in death Aug. 27, 1988. A sister, Marietta Renner, is also deceased.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Pamela and Bill Mills of Columbia City, Diane and Doug Swinehart of Millersburg and Janet Flora of LaGrange; a brother, Richard Fisel of Ligonier; 11 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Mike Tatman officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 3-7 p.m. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Kenneth Miller

ROCKFORD, Ill. — Kenneth Miller, 71, a DeKalb County native, died Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2001, at 3:40 a.m. in his Rockford home.

He graduated from Ashley High School in 1948 and later from Purdue University.

He moved from Indiana to Rockford in 1960. He was employed in key management roles at Superior Essex and Rockford and Indiana for more than 45 years.

Mr. Miller was a member of the Rockford Toastmasters Club 1752 for 20 years, donating many hours to teach communication skills to employees of Atwood Mobile Products.

He was an avid golfer and a member of the Rockford Park District Golf Advisory Committee.

He loved gardening, playing bridge and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He was a loyal fan and supporter of Bolyan High School Titans sports.

He was born March 18, 1930, in DeKalb County to Nicholas L. and Julia Buchs Miller.

He married Mary Lou Carr Pea in Holy Family Catholic Church of Rockford on Feb. 11, 1995. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Alice and Karl Schroeder of Chandler, Ariz., and Mary and Doug Johnson of Rockford; a son, Robert Miller of Rockford; two stepsons and their wives, Douglas G. and Amy Pea of Roscoe, Ill., and Bruce J. and Jennifer Pea of Chicago; four grandchildren, Abigail Rose Schroeder, Michael Christian Johnson, Kyle John Pea and Elizabeth Marie Schroeder; two brothers and their wives, Leonard and Esther Miller of Auburn, Louis and Dawn Miller of Garrett; two sisters and their wives, Theresa "Pat" and Robert Dame of Silver Lake, Ohio; Joan and Roger Myers of Auburn; a brother-in-law and his wife, Gene and Lydia Lewandowski of Leo; 11 nieces and nephews and 15 grandnieces and grandnephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara Jean Yaney Miller, in 1971; a brother, Germain Miller; and a sister, Anna Marie Lewandowski.

Services were held today at 11:30 a.m. in Holy Family Catholic Church with Msgr. Thomas E. Bales officiating.

Calling is Saturday at 10 a.m. in Catholic Cemetery Chapel, Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne, with a service and burial at 10:30 a.m.

Memorials are to the family in the name of Mary Lou MIller for a a memorial to be established in Kenneth's name at a later date.

Henry Snyder

ST. JOE — Henry L. Snyder, 85, died Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2001, at 7:46 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Snyder was a retired farmer and worked for Warner Gear in Auburn for 25 years, retiring in 1980. He was a member of Concord United Methodist Church and attended Big Run United Methodist Church.

He was born Feb. 18, 1916, in Allen County to William J. and Alma A. (Rice) Snyder.

He married Wilma Gafken on July 4, 1937, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Richard L. Snyder of Waterloo, Larry L. Snyder of Turkey Lake, Stroh, Rex A. Snyder of St. Joe and Van S. Snyder of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Jimmy Dale Snyder, two brothers, Rex and George Snyder, and one sister, Gladys Stonebraker.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 N. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

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Thomas Knauer

AUSTIN, Texas — Thomas G. Knauer, 76, Austin, Texas, died Wednesday in Austin.

Mr. Austin was born March 14, 1925, in Avilla, the son of Claude Melville and Theresa (Ueber) Knauer.

After graduating from Avilla High School in 1943, he served in the 771st field artillery in World War II. Mr. Knauer attended Indiana University and graduated from North Texas State University. He was in the oil business and worked in Texas, Venezuela and Indonesia.

He is survived by his wife, Edith (Cripe) Knauer; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jennifer and Curtis Davis of Portland, Texas, and Susan C. and Eric Stengel of Nashville, Tenn., two sons, Gregor Knauer of Arcosanti, Ariz., and Kirk Knauer of Mill Valley, Calif.; and seven grandchildren, Edith Chloe, Dylan, Duncan, Alexandra, Benjamin, Patrick and August.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday at St. Luke's on the Lake, Austin. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to the Thomas G. Knauer Memorial at the Estes Park Center, YMCA of the Rockies, 2515 Tunnel Road, Estes Park, CO 80511.

LaVerge Nutt

BRONSON, Mich. — LaVerge "Vergie" Nutt, 86, died Thursday, Oct. 4, 2001, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Nutt worked at the former Bronson Reel Co., as a secretary at Batavia Mill and at the the former grocery store in Batavia. She lived in Bronson and was a member of Batavia Baptist Church and AARP. She enjoyed playing cards and bingo, ceramics, knitting, crocheting and canning from her garden.

She graduated from Angola High School in 1932.

She was born Oct. 7, 1914, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Clarence and Caroline (Mason) Wyatt.

She married Leighton Nutt in July 1934 in Angola, and he died Oct. 1, 1992.

Surviving her are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Vitalis Losinski Jr. of Bronson; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jack and Judy Nutt Coldwater, Mich., and John and Kay Nutt of Hanover, Mich.; five grandchildren, LuAnn Losinski and Sue Ann Shortridge, both of Bronson, Lorali Zamora of Plainwell, Mich., Anthony Nutt of Hanover and Jason Nutt of Bristol; five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Six brothers and five sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at noon (Indiana time) in Klocz Funeral Home, Bronson, with Pastor Phil Lindner of Batavia Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Batavia Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 1-7 p.m. (Indiana time) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the oncology unit at Community Health Care Center of Branch County or Batavia Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.klocz.com.

Paul L. Wilmot

GARRETT — Paul Leslie Wilmot, 90, died Friday, Oct. 5, 2001, at 4:25 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor.

A lifetime Garrett resident, he was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and a member of the Garrett City Masonic Lodge for 54 years. He was a custodian at Garrett-Keyser-Butler Schools for 35 years, retiring in 1991.

He was born in Garrett on April 7, 1911, to Lee W. and Edna (Brace) Wilmot.

He married DeVon D. Hamm on Dec. 31, 1936, in Goshen. She died April 4, 1990.

Surviving are one daughter, Su Dickerson of Garrett; three grandchildren and their spouses, Tad and Tonya Dickerson of South Bend, Troy and Bobbi Dickerson of Fort Wayne and Lesli and Jeff Cox of Garrett; two sisters-in-law, Nina Wilmot of Garrett and Iota Wilmot of Pensacola, Fla.; and seven great-grandchildren, Leah, Joseph, Scha, Andru, Tyee, Kayla and Tyler.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Arthur, Durward and LeRoy Wilmot, and a sister, Edith Yarde.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Miller's Merry Manor Activity Dept., 1367 S. Randolph St., Garrett, in memory of Paul L. Wilmot.

Arrangements were made by Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

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Ocean Joe Oakley

FORT WAYNE — Ocean Joe Oakley, 5, died Friday, Oct. 5, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Fort Wayne on Sept. 10, 1996, to Johnson L. Oakley III and Katherine A. (Dye) Oakley. They survive in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of East Allen Church of Christ in New Haven.

Also surviving are his paternal grandparents, Joe and Lois Oakley of LaGrange; his grandmother, Judith Bishop of Devon, England; three great-grandmothers, Luella Oakley and Mildred Hughes, both of LaGrange, and Olive Rose Bishop of Greenford, England; one great-great-grandmother, Laura Oakley of Howe; one sister, Kelsea Ann Oakley, and one brother, Skyler Dean Oakley, both at home.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with Pastor Jay Tyler officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Richard Holmes

ANGOLA — Richard P. Holmes, 69, died Friday, Oct. 5, 2001, at 9:55 p.m. at his summer home on Hamilton Lake.

Mr. Holmes was an insurance salesman for Bankers Life & Casualty Insurance Co. He retired in 1993 after 27 years of service.

Mr. Holmes

He was a member of the Community of the Crosswood Church in Angola.

He was born Nov. 6, 1931, in Angola to Joseph and Treva (Whetzel) Holmes.

He married Karen K. (Parker) Homes on May 28, 1982, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Linda Phallen of Fredericksburg, Texas, Stephena Ahlersmeyer of Pleasant Lake and Faith Jones of Hamilton, and five grandchildren.

A daughter, Debra Ann Holmes, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Bishop E. Brian Carsten officiating. Burial will be in Monroeville Memorial Cemetery.

Calling is Monday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Community of the Crosswood Church, Angola.

Hazel Shepherd

LAGRANGE — Hazel M. Shepherd, 81, died Saturday, Oct. 6, 2001, at 11:25 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Shepherd was an antique dealer who moved from Chicago to Shipshewana in September of 1975.

She was born in Barlow, Ky., on Sept. 23, 1920, to Lucian and Mary (Dublin) Anderson. She married Lawrence Shepherd in Fulton, Tenn., on June 20, 1937, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Larry J. Shepherd of Lake Orion, Mich., and John D. Shepherd of Manhattan, Ill.; four sisters, Peggy Mayberry of Wickliffe, Ky., Thorann Crabtree of Joliet, Ill., Judy Bernard of Paducah, Ky., and Brenda Newton of Kevil, Ky.; two brothers, Robert Anderson of Longbeach Mass., and Howard Anderson of Cunningham, Ky.; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Brighton Cemetery in Brighton.

Calling is Monday from 9-10:30 a.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials to the Alzheimer's Disease Association.

Robert Wilder

ANGOLA — Robert J. Wilder, 65, of Angola, died Saturday, Oct. 6, 2001, at 12:56 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wilder was a Korean War veteran, and was self-employed in the plumbing and heating business. He spent most of his life in Steuben County.

He was born in Hudson on Dec. 12, 1935, to Jay and Pearl (Mason) Wilder. He married Mildred V. Hopkins in Missouri on Dec. 28, 1955, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Schannon Wilder of rural Hudson; three half brothers; four half sisters; and two grandchildren, Jordan and Eric Wilder.

There will be no calling or services. There will be a private burial.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson was in charge of arrangements.

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Shelia Pierce

HUDSON — Shelia Pierce, 69, died Saturday, Oct. 6, 2001, in Greensburg, Ind.

She was a former employee of the Hamilton Wire Co. in Hamilton.

She was born in Chicago to Kenneth and Juanita (Smith) Ireland.

Surviving is a daughter, Yvonne Pierce of Auburn.

Her parents and one son, Kenneth, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. John Hostetter will officiate. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Brian Prosser

WATERLOO — Brian L. Prosser, 39, died Saturday, Oct. 6, 2001, at his home in Waterloo.

Mr. Prosser had been the co-owner and operator of K&D Pizza in Auburn since 1997. He was a former manager for the Budd Co. in Kendallville and had worked for Magnavox in Garrett for 15 years.

He graduated from DeKalb High School in 1980.

He was born Sept. 26, 1962, in Fort Wayne to Richard and Kay (Lynch) Prosser. They survive in Auburn.

He married Frances A. "Fran" Waddell on Dec. 29, 1987, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Adam Prosser, in Auburn; two daughters, Torree L. Prosser and Saige M. Prosser, both at home; four brothers, Roy E. of Waterloo, Bruce L. of New Paris, Ohio, Kurt R. of Auburn and Kent L. of Angola; and one sister, Linda K. Lehman of Onstead, Mich.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Norman Appleby, LCSW, M.Div., will officiate.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the education fund for Torree and Saige Prosser in care of the First National Bank of Fremont in Ashley.

Martha Thomas

SHELBYVILLE — Martha Kay Thomas, 60, died Saturday, Oct. 6, 2001, at 10:55 p.m. at her Shelbyville home.

She was a homemaker and a member of the First Church of the Nazarene.

Mrs. Thomas was born June 7, 1941, in Shelbyville to Paul H. and Martha L. (Garlitch) Hall.

She married Lewie Maurice Thomas on Feb. 7, 1975, and he survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Douglas Brent and Joy Thomas of Auburn; one brother and sister-in-law, Vincent and Ruth Hall of Shelbyville; one granddaughter, Grace Kay Thomas of Auburn; one niece, Melany Prather; and three nephews, David, Daniel and Timothy Hall.

One brother, Winston Hall, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the First Church of the Nazarene. The Rev. Steven Bohall will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery, Shelbyville.

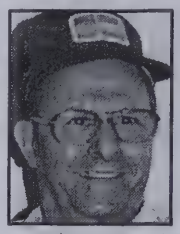
Calling is Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. in Murphy-Parks Funeral Service, Shelbyville, and Wednesday from noon-1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the First Church of the Nazarene.

Bobby Renkenberger

AVILLA — Bobby Renkenberger, 76, died Thursday, Oct. 4, 2001, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

A lifetime Avilla resident, he had retired after working 35 years as a printer for Uniform Printing in Kendallville. He was a member of Hopewell Presbyterian Church, where he served as a deacon, elder and trustee.



Mr. Renkenberger

He was born July 7, 1925, in Avilla, to John H. and Cleo M. (Hossinger) Renkenberger. In March, 1945, in the Evangelical United Brethren parsonage in Churubusco, he married Phyllis V. Tulley, and she preceded him in death on Oct. 26, 1990.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Jane and Larry Moore of Avilla; and a granddaughter, Kimberley A. Moore of Avilla.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Harvest Community Church in Kendallville, with the Rev. Jerry Rittenhouse and the Rev. Ken Robinson officiating. Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla and one hour before services at the church on Tuesday. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials are to Kendallville Manor Nursing Home. nd the Rev. Ken Robinson officiating. Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla and one hour before services at the church on Tuesday. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials are to Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

Esther Leins

WATERLOO — Esther Leins, 94, died Sunday, Oct. 7, 2001, at 10:25 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, where she had lived since 1995.

Mrs. Leins was a homemaker and formerly lived on County Road 35, Waterloo. She was a member of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley.

She was born Nov. 9, 1906, in Auburn to Samuel and Elizabeth (Smith) Freed.

She married Lesla L. Leins Sr. on Feb. 8, 1927, in Auburn. He died Feb. 15, 1978.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Lesla L. Leins Jr. and Dorothy Leins of Auburn, and Herb and Carole Leins of Auburn; one daughter, Doris Merrick of Raytown, Mo.; four brothers, Joe Freed of Kendallville, Clarence Freed of Auburn, and Elmer Freed and Robert Freed, both of Garrett; 13 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Eldon Leins; one daughter, Iris Haskins; four sisters and one brother.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Jeff Fackler of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren.

Marcella Rice

PLEASANT LAKE — Marcella M. Rice, 80, died Saturday, Oct. 6, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne,

Mrs. Rice was a homemaker and had lived in Pleasant Lake for 29 years. She was a member of the Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola.

She was born March 1, 1921, in Fort Wayne. She married Louis Rice on Sept. 25, 1940, in Fort Wayne. He died in 1992.

Surviving are two sons, Lee E. Rice of Dublin, Va., and Joseph M. Rice of Millersburg; two daughters, Judy A. McInturf of Avilla and Jean Kinsey of Pleasant Lake; two sisters, Elaine Moore of Thornton, Colo., and Helen Black of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held today at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Pleasant View Church of Christ.

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Darren Hall

FREMONT — Darren Emerson Hall, 32, died Monday, Oct. 8, 2001, in the emergency room at Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Hall was a masonry contractor for Barnthouse Concrete of Angola. He lived in Fremont and graduated from Fremont High School in 1988.

He was born Oct. 4, 1969, in Angola to Clarence E. and Marlene (Motts) Hall. They survive in Fremont.

His wife, LaShell Rathbun Hall, survives. They were married Nov. 18, 1991.

Also surviving are one son, Austin Hall, at home; one daughter, Lexis Hall, at home; and one brother, Frank Hall of Fremont.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Wayne C. Berkesch officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Anna Ruth Dudelston

NEW CASTLE — Anna Ruth Dudelston, 72, died Friday, Oct. 5, 2001, in her home following a two-week illness.

A 1948 graduate of Mooreland High School, she was employed in the payroll department at Western Electric in Indianapolis for 18 years. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Lodge 116 and Northside Church of God in New Castle.

She was born Feb. 23, 1929, in War, W.Va., to Hester S. and Nannie E. (Gregory) New. Her mother survives in New Castle and her father is deceased.

Also surviving are her husband, Max H. Dudelston of New Castle; one daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Jerry Stairhime of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Clarence and Edith New and Raymond and Jeanie Waddell, all of New Castle; one sister and brother-in-law, Christine and Gordon Brown of Sun City West, Ariz.; two grandchildren and their spouses, Angela and Darrin Kirk of Middletown, and Scott and Brooke Stairhime of Auburn; and four great-grandchildren, Macy and Trenton "Moose" Kirk, both of Middletown, and Gunner and Garret Stairhime, both of Auburn.

Services were to be held today at 2 p.m. in Northside Church of God, with Brother Phil Brown officiating. Burial will be in Sugar Grove Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross Sept. 11 Fund.

Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, New Castle, was in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth Lash

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Kenneth F. Lash, 92, died Saturday, Oct. 6, 2001, in Fort Myers, Fla.

Mr. Lash

Mr. Lash founded K. Lash and Sons Inc., a residential and commercial building company, in Kendallville in 1948. He lived in Kendallville until 1965, when he moved to Florida.

A lifelong member of the Moose, he was a member of the Moose, Elks and Eagles lodges in Kendallville.

He was born in Avilla to Frank and Julia Lash. His wife, Mable, survives in Fort Myers.

Also surviving are two daughters, Sheila Gage of Albion and Lavinn Hyland of Kendallville; three sons, Kenneth W. and Gene Lash of Kendallville and Lee Lash of Rome City; two stepchildren; and 18 grandchildren.

Five brothers, Cecil, Raymond, Florence, Forrest and Francis Lash, and a sister, Agnes Schmuck, preceded him in death.

There will be no services or calling.

Oscar Slone

KENDALLVILLE — Oscar Slone, 80, of Kendallville, died Monday, Oct. 8, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. Slone

He was a member and minister at Salem United Baptist Church near Rome City for the last 27 years. He also worked at Auburn Foundry for 20 years and Newnam Foundry in Kendallville for 17 years.

He was born May 26, 1921, in Garner, Ky., to David and Ida (Mosley) Slone. He married Winona Slone on Aug. 25, 1941, in Garner, and she preceded him in death on Oct. 1, 1993. He married Mattie (Manns) Cordial on Nov. 29, 1994, in Rome City, and she survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Jack Slone of Florida, Jimmy Slone of Kimmell and Phillip and Margaret Slone of Auburn; seven daughters and five sons-in-law, Jean and Boyd Owsley and Debra and Lee Hastings of Wawaka, Wilma Ghaster and Faye and Mark Godsey of Rome City, Phyllis Abdullah of California, Diane and Alonzo Combs of Kentucky and Kathy and Robert Robinson of Wolcottville; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Donna and Rick Rex of California and Diane and David Morr of Kendallville; and a stepson and his wife, Harold and Nancy Cordial of Waterloo.

Additional survivors include two brothers, Wayne and Barkley Slone of Ohio; seven sisters, Laura Coon and Lillian Huff of Ohio, Alma Craft, Lannie Reynolds, Ruth Dobson and Anna Lou Slone of Kentucky and Elouise Barnett of Alabama; 26 grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

A grandson, Andy Ramey, and a sister, Zella Waddell, are deceased.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Salem United Baptist Church on S.R. 9, with the Rev. Billy Ray Tuttle officiating. Calling will be held after 1 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with special evening services at 7 p.m. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery north of Wolcottville.

Memorials are to the Oscar Slone family in care of Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, which is in charge of arrangements.

Bertha Porter

BUTLER — Bertha M. Porter, 57, died Sunday, Oct. 7, 2001, at 4:10 p.m. in her Butler home.

Mrs. Porter worked at Eaton Corp. for 23 years and was a member of the Butler Eagles.

She was born May 1, 1944, in Butler to James L. and Bertha M. (Worthington) Fry.

Surviving are her husband, Robert Porter; three sons and one daughter-in-law, Dennis and Tracy Black of St. Joe, Henry Black Jr. of Butler and Randy Black of Fort Wayne; one daughter and son-in-law, Loretta and Paul Carper of Auburn; one stepson and his wife, Bobby and Julie Porter of Mishawaka; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Cathy and Dan Shaccpps of Lebanon, N.H., and Shelly and Mick Dean of Greenfield; two brothers, Robert Fry and Walter Fry, both of Butler; six sisters, Berdene Jones, Dorothy Jones and Ann Morris, all of Bryan, Ohio, Donna Landel of Edgerton, Ohio, and Margaret Miller and Janet Collingsworth, both of Butler; and seven grandchildren, Nick, Jennifer, Dana and Cody Black, Brandi Shutt, Reeva Carper and Stanley Sprague.

She was preceded in death by one son, Henny Black; three brothers, James, Wendell and Harvey Fry; three sisters, Lois Warner, Maxine Flowers and Lucille Phillips; and one grandson, Chad Shutt.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

William Sachen

AUBURN — William J. "Bill" Sachen, 83, died Monday, Oct. 8, 2001, at 10:35 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home, Butler.

Mr. Sachen worked in maintenance for Montgomery Ward at Southtown Mall in Fort Wayne and managed an apartment complex in Coldwater, Mich., retiring in 1979. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn, Angola Moose Lodge and the Leo post of the American Legion.

He was born Oct. 12, 1917, in Aurora, Ill., to John W. and Marie (Shomer) Sachen.

He married Anne M. Ambre on May 20, 1939, in Aurora, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Gerald F. and Shiela Sachen of Harrison, Mich., and Kenneth W. and Sue Sachen of Fort Wayne; five daughters and three sons-in-law, Joe and Allen Fair of Auburn, Paula Davis of Fort Wayne, Linda and Vern Owens of Fort Wayne, Ellen Turner of Grabill, and Stephanie and the Rev. Jack Wolfe of Suwannee, Ga.; one brother and sister-in-law, Ted and Irene Sachen of New Port Richey, Fla.; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Anna and Harry Meltzer of Woodridge, Ill., Shirley and Jim Hess of Hudson, Fla.; and Judy and Bob Lage of New Port Richey, Fla.; 14 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with calling there after 10 a.m. Father Chuck Herman will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Jack Wolfe. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Additional calling is Wednesday from 4-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation of DeKalb County or Allen County.

Deaths & Funerals

THE EVENING STAR
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2001

Walter Probst

SUNMAN — Walter W. Probst, 86, died Monday, Oct. 8, 2001, at his home in Sunman, Ind.

Mr. Probst was retired after working 33 years at Seagram's Distillery in Lawrenceburg, followed by 11 years at McPherson's in Sunman.

He wa a member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church, an active member of the Milan and Batesville senior citizen centers and a volunteer worker at The Waters Healthcare Center in Batesville. He enjoyed music and was a member of the Pioneer Lads.

He was born Feb. 23, 1915, in Lawrenceville, Ind., to Peter and Ada Hornberger Probst.

He married Angela C. Schuck on Aug. 13, 1947, in St. Nicholas Catholic Church. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Patty and Tom Fledderman of Sunman and Carol and Byron Bruns of Milan; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ronald Probst of Indianapolis, Roger and Dee Probst of Fremont, and David and Annette Probst of Fishers, formerly of northeast Indiana; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A sister, Hazel Flood, and a brother, Arnold Probst, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in St. Nicholas, Ind. Msgr. Bernard Schmitz will officiate. Burial will be in St. Nicholas Cemetery.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. at Cook Funeral Home, 107 Vine St., Sunman, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Nicholas School or Masses.

Jerry Otto

LAGRANGE — Jerry M. Otto, 66, died Monday, Oct. 8, 2001, at the Elmer Yoder residence in Topeka.

A lifelong LaGrange County resident, he was a retired farmer and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born in LaGrange County Aug. 29, 1935, to Milt S. and Mary (Troyer) Otto. On Oct. 10, 1957 in Topeka, he married Polly Anna Eash, and she survives.

Also surviving are eight daughters and sons-in-law, Waneta and Kenneth Miller and Lorene and Johnny Troyer Jr. of LaGrange, Ruth and William Yutzy, Sarah and David Miller and Rebecca and Joseph Borkholder of Hillsboro, Wis., Mary Etta and Jimmy Yoder of Leonidas, Mich., Maudene and Glen Lehman of Wolcottville and Sue and Wayne Slabach of Shipshewana; five sons and daughters-in-law, Fred and Ida and Marion and Rachel Otto, all of Hillsboro, Wis., and Jerry and Angie, Danny and Ruth and Josey and Martha Otto, all of LaGrange; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Wilma and Daniel Frey of Downing, Mo., Edna and Clarence Wingard of Shipshewana and Mary Otto of Topeka; four brothers, Daniel of Topeka, Perry of Kingston, Wis., Fred of Dalton, Wis., and David of Middlebury; and 74 grandchildren.

Seven sisters and a brother preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the old family residence at 460E C.R. 300S, LaGrange, with Bishop Alva Bontrager and the Rev. William Bontrager officiating. Calling will be this afternoon and all day Thursday at the old family residence.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

William Sachen

AUBURN — William J. "Bill" Sachen, 83, died Monday, Oct. 8, 2001, at 10:35 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home, Butler.

Mr. Sachen worked in maintenance for Montgomery Ward at Southtown Mall in Fort Wayne and managed an apartment complex in Coldwater, Mich., retiring in 1979. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn, Angola Moose Lodge and the Leo post of the American Legion.

He was born Oct. 12, 1917, in Aurora, Ill., to John W. and Marie (Shomer) Sachen.

He married Anne M. Ambre on May 20, 1939, in Aurora, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Gerald F. and Sheila Sachen of Harrison, Mich., and Kenneth W. and Sue Sachen of Fort Wayne; five daughters and three sons-in-law, Jo and Allen Fair of Auburn, Paula Davis of Fort Wayne, Linda and Vern Owens of Fort Wayne, Ellen Turner of Grabill, and Stephanie and the Rev. Jack Wolfe of Suwannee, Ga.; one brother and sister-in-law, Ted and Irene Sachen of New Port Richey, Fla.; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Anna and Harry Meltzer of Woodridge, Ill., Shirley and Jim Hess of Hudson, Fla.; and Judy and Bob Lage of New Port Richey, Fla.; 14 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn. Father Chuck Herman will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Jack Wolfe. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is today from 4-9 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation of DeKalb County or Allen County.

Kevin McArdle

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Kevin L. McArdle, 50, of Hillsdale, died Monday, Oct. 8, 2001, at Howell Health Care.

A Hillsdale resident since 1976, he worked in the maintenance department at Hillsdale Community Health Center, and later operated McArdle's Refrigeration in Hillsdale. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church and was a former member of the Elks lodge and the Sons of the American Legion.

He was born May 7, 1951, in Rochester, N.Y., to Vernon and Eloise (Laffoon) McArdle. His father and stepmother, Dortha, survive in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a daughter, Emily McArdle, and her mother, Gail Patton; five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Peg and Joe Bir and Colleen Carteaux of Fort Wayne, Pat and Dave Laurenz of Harrisburg, Va., her twin sister Susie Shea and her husband Michael of Mooresville, Ind., and Michelle and Mike Pratt of Russia; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Mike and Jan McArdle of Avilla and Stephen McArdle of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church, with Father Thomas Butler officiating. A vigil prayer service will be held today at 6:30 p.m. at VanHorn-Eagle Funeral Home, with calling until 8:30 p.m. Burial will be in St. Anthony Cemetery.

Memorials are to St. Anthony Catholic Church or Hospice.

Robert Gramling

AUBURN — Robert Gramling, 81, died Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2001, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Gramling helped deliver newspapers with his brother in his childhood. He was a resident of the Steuben County Rest Home from 1959 to 1999, when he moved to Sunny Meadows Residential Home in Auburn.

He was born May 15, 1920, in Pleasant Lake to Harry and Erma (Zimmerman) Gramling.

Surviving him are one nephew, John Gramling of Pleasant Lake, and the residents and staff of Sunny Meadows.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with calling after 9 a.m. Pastor Jim Hulbert will officiate. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Winifred McHoes

ANGOLA — Winifred H. McHoes, 92, died Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2001, at her home in Angola.

Mrs. McHoes graduated from DePauw University in 1932 and received her master's degree at Columbia University in New York City in 1934.

She was a school teacher at Sand Hill School in Steuben County and taught for several years in Elkhart County. She was a math teacher at Town Crest Junior High School in Goshen from 1958 through 1975.

Mrs. McHoes was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Goshen and attended the First United Congregational Church in Angola. She was a member of the Psi Iota Xi sorority's Rho Chapter, secretary of the Steuben County Lakes Council, and a member of the Lake James Cottage Owners Association and the Book Review Club.

She was born Oct. 28, 1908, in Angola, to Almon and Estelle (Drummond) Harshman.

She married Lloyd L. McHoes on March 1, 1939, and he died in 1948.

Surviving are two sons, Lewis Neal McHoes of Pittsburgh and Lloyd E. McHoes of Loveland, Ohio, and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Elizabeth Mallen.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. Burial will be in Violett Cemetery in Goshen, with a graveside service Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice or the American Heart Association.

Walter Longenecker

MIDDLEBURY — Walter C. Longenecker, 96, of Middlebury, died Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2001, in Goshen General Hospital.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Don Brennaman of Bristol United Methodist Church officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Indian Village Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church.

Wymond Luttman

ELKHART — Wymond DeWayne "Pete" Luttman, 75, died Friday, Oct. 5, 2001.

Mr. Luttman graduated from Salem Center High School in 1945. He was the former owner of the Gambles Store in Syracuse and owned a Whirlpool Appliance store for 35 years.

He was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Masonic Lodge, Rotary Club and St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Syracuse.

He was born June 14, 1926, in Hudson to Ada and Roy Luttman.

He married Waneta Goodwin in 1948 and they were married for 34 years. He then married Mary Markley on June 14, 1984, and she survives.

Also surviving him are one daughter and son-in-law, Cinda and Dave Cochran of Indianapolis; three sons, Randy of Elkhart, Mike of Nishayuna, N.Y., and Craig of Omaha, Neb.; one brother, Harold of Hudson; six grandchildren, three stepchildren, and two stepgrandchildren.

Memorials are to hospice.

Richard McBride

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Richard L. McBride, 48, died Sunday, Oct. 7, 2001, at Palms of Pasadena Hospital.

Mr. McBride was an Auburn native. He moved to St. Petersburg from Cleveland in 1985.

He was an entrepreneur and an avid sport fisherman.

Surviving are a daughter, Jade McBride of Treasure Island, Fla.; two sons, Adam Jordan of Tierra Verde, Fla., and Matthew McBride of Texas; two sisters, Deanna Langille of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Martha Ridenour of Auburn; two brothers, Charles McBride of Fort Wayne and Carl McBride of Garrett; a sister, Linda Stevens of Fort Wayne; and his companion, Christy Mutlu of St. Petersburg.

The National Cremation Society is in charge of arrangements.

THE EVENING STAR
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2001

Charles Gangwer

CROMWELL — Charles D. Gangwer, 81, of Cromwell, died Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2001, at Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a graduate of Jefferson Center High School in Whitley County and the United States Army agricultural school. He was a farmer and owned and operated Gangwer Auto Sales in South Whitley from 1961-1969. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of American Legion Post 98, VFW Post 2919 and Due Guard Free and Accepted Masons Lodge 278.

He was born Jan. 8, 1920, in Whitley County, to Harry R. and Anna (Ruckman) Gangwer. On July 1, 1942, he married Ruth I. Dimmick. The couple lived in Richland, Thorncreek and Washington townships and at Knapp Lake. His wife survives at Knapp Lake.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Nancy Gangwer of Columbia City and Michael and Melissa Gangwer of Tri Lakes; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Paul Lopshire of South Whitley; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A brother, Robert Gangwer, preceded him in death.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date at South Whitley Cemetery. Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with a service by the Due Guard Free and Accepted Masons Lodge 278 at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Wilbur Hudson

WOLCOTTVILLE — Wilbur Hudson, 73, died Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2001, at his Wolcottville home.

He had retired from the Kendallville Foundry in 1991 after 29 years. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Mr. Hudson

He was born April 7, 1928, in Knott County, Ky., to Steve Hudson and Virginia Conley. On July 29, 1959, in Versailles, Ky., he married Mary Jo Wise, and she survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Judy Gail Hudson of Kendallville, Cathy and Mike Willits of LaGrange and Donna and Jason Loy, Stephanie Hudson and Judy and Bill Prater, all of Wolcottville; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Danny and Barb Hudson of Corbin, Ky., Terry and Joyce Hudson of Severn, Mo., and Larry Dale and Steven Hudson, both of Wolcottville; 15 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Juanita Ritchie of Ligonier and Vedra Ann Sink of Collinsville, Miss.; and two brothers, Leo and Oliver A. Conley, both of Danville, Ky.

A brother and a sister preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Community Baptist Church, C.R. 700S, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Leburn Combs and the Rev. Cova Perkins officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Frank Sprague Jr.

LIGONIER — Frank Sprague Jr., 79, died Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital.

A lifelong Noble County resident, he was a truck driver for Gateway Transportation. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and was a member of VFW Post 4717 in Wolf Lake and West Noble American Legion Post 243. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and attending auctions.

Mr. Sprague

He was born Jan. 9, 1922, in Kosciusko County to Frank, Sr., and Ethel (Growcock) Sprague. On June 14, 1941, in the Ligonier EUB parsonage, he married Martha LeCount, and his wife survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Bill and Pat Sprague and Tom Sprague, all of Ligonier; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Glory and Tom Kern of Goshen, Becky Owen of Kendallville and Cecelia and Lynn Nodine of Albion; three brothers, Fred and Glen Sprague of Ligonier and Philip Sprague of Auburn; three sisters, Isabell LeCount and Betty Chiddister of Ligonier and Janice Rarick of Cromwell; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Six brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 5 p.m. at Trinity Assembly of God Church, with the Rev. Bill Parks officiating. Calling will be at the church Friday from 2-5 p.m.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Wendell Schieber

GARRETT — Wendell P. Schieber, 62, died Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2001, at his Garrett home.

Mr. Schieber retired from LK Carriers in Waterloo this year. He had lived in Garrett for several years after moving there from Angola.

He was born Nov. 6, 1938, in Angola to Ralph and Paulean (Petre) Schieber.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, James D. and Sandy Schieber of Angola, Michael D. and Pam Schieber of Ashley, and Todd A. Schieber of Angola; four brothers, Carl of Auburn, Dean of Ashley, Larry of Pleasant Lake, and Enos of Angola; three sisters, Clela Dickerson of Waterloo, Judy Delong of Angola and Lillie Newland of Mishawaka; his former wife, Donna Schieber of Ashley; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A brother, Jackie Lee, and a sister, Josephine, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery. There will be no calling.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Donald Mock

ANGOLA — Donald L. Mock, 43, died Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He lived in Angola and was a member of the Angola Church of God.

Mr. Mock was born Sept. 7, 1958, in Auburn to Albert and Virginia Mock. They survive in Angola.

Also surviving are a sister, Kathleen Beaty of Ashley; and two brothers, David Mock and Scott Mock, both of Ashley.

One brother, Dennis Mock, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling there after 11 a.m.

Pastor Terry Larimore will officiate at the services. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Virginia Ewing

FREMONT — Virginia B. Ewing, 84, died Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2001, in her home at Snow Lake in rural Fremont.

Mrs. Ewing was retired from her career as secretary of the International Association of Machinists Union in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Pittsburgh on Jan. 19, 1917, to Louis and Cammie (Shouts) Davis.

She married Willard C. Ewing on Jan 29, 1937, in Allen County. He died Sept. 9, 1990.

Surviving are two sons, Bill Ewing and Jack Ewing, both of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Ralph Davis.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home of Fremont, with the Rev. Thomas A. Christen officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is today from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Louie Shue

AUBURN — Louie F. Shue, 73, died Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2001, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Shue was a book binder at Cuneo Press in Chicago, retiring after 29 years. He lived at Sunny Meadows Residential Home in Auburn after moving from the Steuben County Rest Home in 1999. He was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Angola.

He was born Dec. 3, 1927, in Chicago to Louie E. and Florence (Sheehaw) Shue.

He married Mary Lower on July 16, 1966, and she survives in Angola.

Also surviving are one stepson, John Shatto of Waterloo; one stepdaughter, Pauline Burniston of Auburn; five stepgrandchildren and seven stepgreat-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Pleasant Lake Cemetery. Dr. Bob Koenig will officiate. There will be no calling.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Charlotte A. Berryman

LAGRANGE — Charlotte A. Berryman, 77, of LaGrange, died Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2001, in LaGrange Community Hospital.

She was a homemaker, and moved to LaGrange from the Peru and Denver, Ind., areas in 1996.

She was born March 15, 1924, in Middle Point, Ohio, to Charles and Leona (Clark) Wolfe. On May 10, 1944, in Perrysburg, she married Gilbert V. Berryman, and he preceded her in death Dec. 29, 1980. A brother, Charles Wolfe Jr., is also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen Sue and Craig Steinem of Spring, Texas; a son, Gregory G. Berryman of Denver, Ind.; and a brother, Kenneth Wolfe of Howe.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Harold Honeywell officiating. Calling will be from 10-11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Graveside services will be held Friday at 3 p.m. at Greenlawn Cemetery in Mexico, Ind.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

James Austin

ANGOLA — Graveside memorial services for James C. Austin, 94, will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. Dewayne Richmond will officiate.

Mr. Austin died Dec. 3, 2000, in Ocala, Fla. He was retired from his work as a quality control inspector for Moore's Business Forms in Angola. He lived in Angola before moving to Ocala in 1970.

He was a member of Central Christian Church. He had been a professional musician, playing saxophone and clarinet with John Philip Sousa in Sousa's band from 1928-1930.

Mr. Austin was born April 5, 1906, in Angola.

He married his wife, Ruth, on July 10, 1927, in Angola and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, James G. Austin of Daytona Beach, Fla.; two daughters, Nancy Jean Richmond of Silver Springs, Fla., and Susan Boyd of Rocky Mount, N.C.; 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his oldest daughter, Joan Louis Richmond, on Nov. 14, 1996; five brothers and one sister.

Forest Lawn Memory Gardens and Funeral Home in Ocala is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Angola Christian Church, 500 W. Maumee St., Angola.

Flossie Strohl

EDON, Ohio — Flossie Mae Strohl, 93, died Wednesday morning, Oct. 10, 2001, in her home in Cooney, near Edon, Ohio. She had been in failing health since February.

Mrs. Strohl was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Montpelier, Ohio, Northwest Grange 413 and the Homemakers Club.

She was born Aug. 26, 1908, in Crab Orchard, Ky., to Floyd and Josephine (Murrell) Wells.

She married Ray Strohl in 1926. He died in 1982.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Jim Strohl of Cooney, and Robert and Adele Strohl of Melbourne, Fla.; three brothers, George Wells of Edon and Virgil Wells and Raymond Wells, both of St. Joseph, Ill.; four sisters, Opal Sanders of Danville, Ill., Susie Gaston of Royal, Ill., Wilma Sims of Savoy, Ill., and Barbara Melton of Aurora, Ill.; 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Ira and Robert Wells, preceded her in death.

Krill Funeral Service of Edon is in charge of arrangements.

Services will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home in Montpelier, due to funeral home remodeling. The Rev. Linda S. Carter will officiate. Burial will be in Malcom Cemetery near Edon.

Calling is Saturday from 3-7 p.m. (Indiana time) in Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurses and Hospice of Williams and Fulton Counties, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Vernon Forrester

ANGOLA — Vernon Francis "Butch" Forrester, 72, died Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2001, in Rockford Memorial Hospital in Rockford, Ill.

Mr. Forrester lived in South Beloit, Ill., for 45 years. He had lived in Angola until 1956. He was a cement and brick mason for Floral Lawn Cemetery for 22 years and a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was born May 21, 1929, in Nevada Mills, Steuben County, to Ellsworth and Maude (Shaver) Forrester.

He married Marcia Joan Sams on Jan. 6, 1951. She died Jan. 26, 1992.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Dean and Pat Forrester of Port Huron, Mich., Michael and Pauline Forrester of South Beloit, Ill., and Gregory and Colleen Forrester of Glasgow, Mont.; one daughter and son-in-law, Roseanna and Dan Lockwood of Beloit, Wis.; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Donald and Nancy Forrester of Fremont, Doyne and Loretta Forrester, also of Fremont, and Gladwyn Forrester of Michigan City; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Ilarene and Nelson Sperry of Coldwater, Mich., Violet and Joseph Greenawalt of Nevada Mills, and Leta Rodgers, also of Nevada Mills; two sisters-in-law, Beverly Clester of Angola and Lois Desmond of Syracuse, N.Y.; and five grandchildren, Jennifer Murry, Benjamin Forrester, Robert Lockwood, and Sarah and Bethany Forrester.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, Colton Forrester, on Aug. 15, 2001; two brothers and two sisters.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling is Saturday from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Joseph Blodgett Jr.

AUBURN — Joseph R. Blodgett Jr., 89, died Thursday, Oct. 11, 2001, in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Blodgett was a cost accountant with Domore Office Furniture for 39 years, retiring in 1980. He lived in Auburn and was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church. He graduated from Leesburg High School in 1931.

He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, a great fan of the Chicago Cubs, an avid woodworker and an amateur photographer.

He was born Nov. 30, 1912, in Warsaw.

His wife, Irene M. (Bowlby) Blodgett, preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Maryann B. Wilshere of Wixom, Mich., and Sherry Blodgett of New York; and two grandchildren, Cathleen E. Wilshere Theys of Oak Park, Ill., and Betsy S. Wilshere of Lansing, Mich.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at noon in Prairie Street Cemetery, Elkhart.

Calling is Monday from 6-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Ralph Donaldson

WATERLOO — Ralph L. Donaldson, 72, died Thursday, Oct. 11, 2001, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Donaldson worked at Kitchen Quip in Waterloo for 17 years, retiring in 1981. He was a veteran of the Korean conflict. He lived in Waterloo and was a member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 97 at Auburn and the Auburn Moose Lodge.

He was born Jan. 9, 1929, in DeKalb County to Glenn and Emma (Radebaugh) Donaldson.

He married Donna Heffley on May 7, 1949, in Woodburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Steven Donaldson of Waterloo; one daughter and son-in-law, Pamela Sue and Gail Bainbridge of Auburn; one sister, Rosie Ford of Waterloo; three grandchildren, Ben Lewis, Megan Bainbridge and Jacob Donaldson, and one stepgrandson, Andrew Davis.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Douglas Barber officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery with military graveside services by American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Norris Chapel United Methodist Church.

Frances Ormerod

LAKOTA, N.D. — Frances "Donnie" Ormerod, 85, died Saturday, Oct. 6, 2001, in Lakota, N.D.

Mrs. Ormerod worked as an executive secretary, retiring at age 65. She moved to Los Angeles, Calif., in 1939, then to Gardena, Calif. She lived in California until 1991, then resided in Medford, Ore., before moving to Lakota. She enjoyed reading and experiencing life.

She was born as Frances Skalsky on Dec. 28, 1915, in Belpre, Kan.

Her husband, Charles F. Ormerod Sr., preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Bill and Belinda Ormerod of Lakota, and Phil Ormerod of Taos, N.M.; one daughter, JoEtta Zimmer of La Jolla, Calif.; a stepdaughter, June John of Angola; 19 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Etta JoAnne Ormerod; a stepson, Charles F. Ormerod Jr.; four sisters, Ludovica "Toots" Deckerhoff, Lydia Skalsky and Mathilda Skalsky, and Hilda Rensimer; two brothers, Alfred and George Sr.; and a great-grandson, Porter Rockwell Ormerod.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be in Inglewood Park Cemetery in Inglewood, Calif.

Aaker Funeral Home in Lakota is in charge of arrangements.

Ethel 'Betty' Williams

EDON, Ohio — Ethel Mary "Betty" Williams, 88, of rural Edon, Ohio, died Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2001, at 11:57 p.m. in Evergreen Manor Nursing Care Center at Montpelier, Ohio, after an extended illness.

Mrs. Williams had worked at International Harvester and managed several restaurants in the Angola area. She attended the Columbia Church of Christ.

She was born June 19, 1913, in Monroeville, Ind., to Frank and Kathryn (Moyer) Gallapo.

She married Lee H. Williams in 1948. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Roberta Williams of Edon; a daughter, Cherry R. Petre of Waterloo; seven grandchildren; and one brother, Daniel Minster of Fremont.

She was preceded in death by one son, three sisters and two brothers.

Memorial services will be conducted at a later date. Krill Funeral Service of Edon is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Ada Hillman

WOLCOTTVILLE — Ada E. Hillman, 86, died Friday, Oct. 12, 2001, at 2:15 p.m. in LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mrs. Hillman lived at Witmer Lake in rural Wolcottville for the past 37 years, after moving from Muncie. She worked at Essex Wire in Ligonier for six years.

Mrs. Hillman

She was born March 12, 1915, in Adams County, Ohio, to Robert T. and Rebecca Ellen (Kerr) Cox.

She married James G. Hillman on March 3, 1939, in West Union, Ohio. He died Sept. 9, 1998.

Surviving are three sons, Charles E. Hillman of White Pigeon, Mich., Kip A. Hillman of Catlettsburg, Ky., and James E. Hillman of LaGrange; two daughters, Dora E. Coulter of Wolcottville and Jean Flint of Cicero, Ind.; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Dorothy Walls of Columbus, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Sally A. Reed, five brothers and four sisters.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Hutchins Funeral Home, S.R. 9, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Doris Lewis

BRONSON, Mich. — Doris L. Lewis, 75, of Bronson, died Thursday, Oct. 11, 2001, at her home following a short illness.

She was born Jan. 25, 1926, in Bronson to Allen and Lela (Sheets) Lane and was a lifelong Bronson area resident.

She graduated from Bronson High School in 1944 and attended Ball State University to become an accountant. She also had training to become a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Mrs. Lewis worked as accountant for Max Larsen Ford for many years, for a time at Jay's Motor Car Co., then for the Community Health Center of Branch County for over 20 years before her retirement in 1976. After retirement, she did accounting for Warden Brothers Trucking in Coldwater and Hillsdale, retiring again in 1986.

She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Bronson, a member and Past Worthy Matron of the Mystic Star Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star in Bronson, a member of the Harmony Shrine in Coldwater and former member and Past Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star Chapter in Fremont.

Mrs. Lewis was an accomplished organist, serving both the First Congregational United Church of Christ and the Mystic Star Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star in Bronson. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, crafts and outdoor birds.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Linda Reese of Coldwater and Laura and Jack Berry of Coldwater; a son, Mark Barry, and his special friend Kim, both of Quincy; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren; two sisters, Joyce Meek of Pleasant Lake and Caroline Bradley of Apollo Beach, Fla., and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson with the Rev. Deb Valentine officiating. Interment will follow in Bronson Cemetery.

Calling is from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, where an Eastern Star service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday.

Memorials are to the First Congregational Church or the Order of Eastern Star.

Messages of condolence may be left at www.kolcz.com.

Virginia Thomas

AUBURN — Virginia M. Thomas, 78, died Thursday, Oct. 11, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Thomas was a homemaker and worked in the cafeteria for the DeKalb Central United School District for 13 years.

Mrs. Thomas

She graduated from Hicksville High School in 1941 and lived in Auburn. She was a member of Women of the Moose and the American Legion Auxiliary and a former member of Greenhurst Country Club, Auburn.

She was born Feb. 7, 1923, in Bryan, Ohio, to James H. and Dessie M. (Evans) Cromwell.

Her husband, Richard L. Thomas, survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Bethany J. Heffley of Auburn and Sandy K. Thomas of Auburn; one brother, Harold D. Cromwell of Hicksville; one sister, D. Joan Wise of Auburn; three grandchildren, Stacy Guinn and Lance Norton, both of Auburn, and Heather Norton of Corunna; and one great-grandchild. Alyssa Gibson of Auburn.

Two sisters, Maxine G. Skinner and Mary Morral, and five brothers, Robert, Lester, Deac, Bud and Forrest Cromwell, preceded her in death.

Graveside memorial services will be held Saturday, Oct. 20, at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Heart Fund and Children First Center.

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Virginia Collins

ORLAND — Virginia P. Collins, Orland, died Friday, Oct. 12, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born in North Baltimore, Ohio.

Mrs. Collins was a home economics teacher at Prairie Heights High School.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Blake and Mildred (Webb) Partee.

Survivors include her husband, Michael A. Collins, Orland, whom she married in August, 1957; one daughter, Barbara Stash, Houston, Texas; one brother, Randall Partee, Lee's Summit, Mo.; and one grandchild, Ryan Stash.

A private family service will be held with burial at Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Edna Murphy

Edna M. (Rohlof) Murphy, Churubusco, died Friday Oct. 12, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was 74.

Mrs. Murphy was born Jan. 12, 1927, in Butler. She was married to Robert C. Murphy on Aug. 26, 1950, in St. Paul, Minn., and he died in 1997. She was a member of Queen of Angels Catholic Church. She spent 17 years as a secretary with Magnavox and also worked as a shift manager for Western Union for 20 years.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara C. Murphy, Fort Wayne and Sandra A. Moore, Warsaw; three sons, Thomas K. Murphy, Avilla, David J. Murphy, Huntertown, and Lawrence (Larry) S. Murphy, Churubusco; three brothers, Charles A. Rohlof, Chicago, George A. Rohlof, Bryan, Ohio, and Raleigh E. Rohlof, Hicksville, Ohio; two sisters, La Versa LeFever, Fort Wayne, and Betty A. Chew, Merrillville; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will begin with a prayer service at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne. Visitation will be Monday from 2 - 5 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Area Deaths

WARSAW — **David Lawrence Mayer,** 26, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday. Services are at 10 a.m. Monday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel.

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Kathryn Layton

LAGRANGE — Kathryn L. "Tot" Layton, LaGrange, died Friday, Oct. 12, 2001, at Life Care Center of LaGrange. She was 88.

Mrs. Layton

Mrs. Layton was born in Fort Wayne on July 26, 1913. She was formerly employed for 35 years by Wayne Knitting Mills, Fort Wayne, and then served as housekeeper at St. Gaspar Parsonage, Rome City, until her retirement. She was married to Leo H. Layton in 1942. Mr. Layton preceded her in death.

She is survived by three nieces, Sandra L. Boyles of Rome City, Kathleen M. Blotkamp of Rome City and Susan L. Topper of Fort Wayne; three nephews, Wayne Thomas Garton Jr. of Rome City, Steven Craig Burton of Fort Wayne and Brian Lee Burton of Fort Wayne; one sister, Geraldine L. Kimmerly, LaGrange; one brother, Clyde A. Burton Jr., Fort Wayne. She is also survived by 14 great-nieces and nephews and 17 great-great-nieces and nephews.

A sister, Elizabeth Ann Zurbrick, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City. Visitation will be today from 4 - 9 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home, State Road 9, Wolcottville, and one hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday. Burial will be in the Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Rudolph Hoff

HUDSON — Rudolph J. "Rudy" Hoff, 92, died Sunday, Oct. 14, 2001, at 8:14 a.m. in his rural Hudson home.

Mr. Hoff was known as the only farmer in the area who farmed with horses. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, and was a well known square dance caller.

He was born Sept. 18, 1909, in Waterloo to Christian and Louise (Adler) Hoff.

He married Emma M. Curry on May 9, 1940, in Waterloo. She died June 8, 1988.

Surviving him are one daughter, Phyllis Davis of Hamilton; one sister, Frances Miller of California; six grandchildren, Darwin Combs, Claude Combs, John Combs, Lana Pope, Marion Waters and Anna Leasher; 15 great-grandchildren, 19 great-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two granddaughters, Carolyn Abernathy and Phyllis Walters; three great-grandchildren, Tina Lane, Tammy McBride and Duane Sachy; two brothers, Eugene and Albert; and three sisters, Rosella, Amelia and Irene.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. Father David Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, rural Waterloo.

Calling is Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Palmer Kiser

HOWE — Palmer Kiser, 61, died Sunday, Oct. 14, 2001, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

A LaGrange County resident since 1961, he worked for Sturgis Foundry and Lakeland School Corp.

He was born May 11, 1940, in Teaberry, Ky., to Andy and Huldy (Hamilton) Kiser. On Dec. 7, 1963, he married Lorene Kocher, and she survives in Ashley.

Also surviving are a son, Scott, of Frasure Creek, McDowell, Ky.; three sisters, Alma Doris Newsome of Beaver, Ky., Alphia Blankenship of Hudson and Arzona Blankenship of LaGrange; three brothers, Junior of Beaver, Ky., Leonard of By Pro, Ky., and Vernon of Mongo; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Two brothers, Cecil and Arlee, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Little Flossie Baptist Church in Lisbon, with the Rev. Raymond Hicks, the Rev. Estill Hamilton and the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange and Tuesday from 2-7 p.m. at Little Flossie Baptist Church, Lisbon. Burial will be in Springfield Township Cemetery in Mongo.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana.

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Stephen Harrington

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Stephen Allen Harrington, 25, of Montgomery died Saturday, Oct. 13, 2001, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo.

Mr. Harrington had attended Reading and Quincy schools in Michigan and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Jonesville, Mich.

He was born June 24, 1976, in Coldwater, Mich.

Surviving are his father, Stephen Harrington of Angola; his mother, Polly (Bailey) Davis of Montgomery; a grandfather, William Harrington of Angola; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Rex and Patricia Davis of Montgomery, Jeff and Dorothy Davis of Corunna, Nathan and Bridgett Davis of Montgomery, and Benjamin and Samantha Davis, also of Montgomery; six sisters and five brothers-in-law, Rita and John Stump, Theresa and Bernard Hukill, Linda and Randy Pickford and Elizabeth and Ed Barker, all of Montgomery, Sheila and Jim Britton of Osseo, Mich., and Amber Harrington of Angola.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in George White Funeral Home, 103 S. Main St., Reading, Mich., with branch president James Condon officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Dorothy Ohmart

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy L. Ohmart, 89, died Sunday, Oct. 14, 2001, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

She worked at Wheel Works in Kendallville for many years, and also worked as a beautician at area beauty shops. She also resided in Florida for 18 years, and worked there as a department head. She was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Kendallville and loved traveling.

She was born Jan. 15, 1912, in LaGrange County, to Ezra and Carrie (Merriman) Covert. Her first husband, Ray Godsell, preceded her in death in 1969. She then married Wilbur Ohmart, and he died in 1975. A son, Donald Godsell, died in 1978, and a brother, George, also preceded her in death in 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Allen and Margaret Godsell of Kendallville; a daughter-in-law, Pat Walter, and her husband, Charles, of Kendallville; three stepchildren, Duane Ohmart of Fort Wayne, Ann Cussins of Perris, Calif., and Nancy Conant of Richmond; a brother, Russell Stauffer of Port Richey, Fla.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling will be Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. and Thursday one hour before services. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Shepherd of the Hill Activities Fund.

Rose Gillingham

LAGRANGE — Rose M. Gillingham, 71, died Sunday, Oct. 14, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

She moved from Fort Wayne to LaGrange in 1972, and worked for the LaGrange County ARC Workshop.

She was born Oct. 21, 1929, in Spencerville, to Russell and Zenus (Refner) Gillingham.

She is survived by three sisters, Velma Brown of Leo, Beverly Yarian of New Haven and Barbara Penland of Garrett.

Five brothers and four sisters preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at IOOF Cemetery in New Haven, with the Rev. Paul Mowery officiating. There will be no calling. Fruriip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Merle Don Gabbard

CONNERSVILLE — Merle Don Gabbard, 70, of Connersville, died Monday, Oct. 15, 2001, at Reid Hospital, Richmond.

He was a master sergeant in military intelligence, honorably discharged in 1968 after 22 1/2 years. He was a Korean War and Vietnam War Army Air Corps and U.S. Air Force veteran. He retired as a fleet supervisor from GTE in 1985, and retired this year from JATEL Communications in Mansfield, Ohio. He was a lifelong member of the VFW, a member of the American Legion and AMVETS, and for many years was a volunteer cook for veteran fund-raising and community events. He enjoyed family time, traveling and NASCAR races.

He was born May 9, 1931, in New Madison, Ohio, to Zack and Verna M. (Carey) Gabbard. On Sept. 22, 1959, in Virginia, he married Ellen Davis of Hellier, Ky., and his wife survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Dawn and Bob Brendel of Kendallville, Denise and Jim Davis of Dallas, Texas, Jean and Travis Weston of Connersville and Dody Gabbard of San Antonio, Texas; eight grandchildren, Denoda Martin, James McCain, R. Baron and Leanne Brendel, Kristin and Jacob Gilley and Drayden and Zachary Weston; two great-grandchildren, Blake Martin and Alyssa McCain; two sisters, Joyce Rock of Keani, Alaska, and Rita Taylor of Adairsville, Ky.; a brother, W. Darryl Gabbard of Riverside, Calif.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Three brothers, Robert, Fred and Ralph Gabbard, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Miller, Moster, Robbins Funeral Home in Connersville. Calling will be today from 5-8 p.m. Burial will be in Dale Cemetery, Connersville, with military rites by the Fayette County Veterans Council.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross Relief Fund.

Calvin Zedaker

BRYAN, Ohio — Calvin L. Zedaker, 80, died Sunday, Oct. 14, 2001, in the early morning at Harborside Healthcare Center in Bryan.

Mr. Zedaker was employed by the 50+5 Corp.-Hayes Albion Co. as an industrial engineer from 1960 until his retirement in 1979. He was a former employee of Aro Corp. and GM Central Foundry. He lived in West Unity, Ohio, until 1978, when he moved to Florida. He returned to Bryan from Florida in 1999.

He was a 1939 graduate of Defiance High School and attended Defiance College. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps, where he served in the 3rd Emergency Rescue Squadron 5th Air Force in the south Pacific theater during World War II.

Mr. Zedaker was a member of First Lutheran Church in Bryan. He was an avid private pilot and member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association until ill health grounded him. He became a radio operator and operated station KJ4CT until his death. He was a member of the West Unity post of the American Legion.

He was born Jan. 21, 1921, in Cecil, Ohio, to Everett Todd and Ursula (Shank) Zedaker.

He married Junell Motter on Oct. 16, 1948, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Holly and Jay Gadomski of Carmel, Ind., Ann and Mike Norrick of Montpelier, Ohio, and Janie and Duane Peugeot of Bryan; one brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Virginia Zedaker of Stryker, Ohio; nine grandchildren, one stepgranddaughter, five great-grandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Charles, Ollie, Everett and Raymond; and two sisters, Pauline Jodry and Alice Devers.

Services will be held Wednesday at noon (Indiana time) in First Lutheran Church, Bryan, with calling after 10 a.m. (Indiana time). The Rev. Richard Franks will officiate.

Memorials are to the church.

Grisier Funeral Home, Stryker, is in charge of arrangements.

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Paul Larry Luna

CROMWELL — Paul Larry Luna, 54, died Monday, Oct. 15, 2001, at Wishard Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis.

A lifelong Noble County resident, he worked at Silgan Plastics in Ligonier for 21 years. He was a member of Syracuse United Pentecostal Church.

He was born Sept. 5, 1947, in Cromwell, to Bennie and Micela (Reyes) Luna.

Surviving are three sons, Paul Larry Luna II of Benton, Paul Raymond Luna of Kendallville and Allen Kent Holden of Albion; two daughters, L. Nicole Gonzalez of Cromwell and Shelly Fern Luna of Chicago; four brothers, Richard and David Luna of Houston, Texas, Lonnie Luna of Wawaka and Raymond Luna of Chicago; three sisters, Josie Vera of Goshen and Angel Luna and Mary Johnson, both of Houston; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Dan McKinnis officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Wendell Schieber

GARRETT — Memorial services for Wendell P. Schieber will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Flint Cemetery, with the Rev. Willard Sanders officiating.

Mr. Schieber, 62, of Garrett died Oct. 10, 2001.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Allen Light

HOWE — Allen Light, 81, of Howe, died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2001, at his home.

He was a 1937 Sturgis High School graduate and member of the school's nationally-recognized band. He attended Manchester College, where he played varsity football. After serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, he owned and operated Sturgis Cafe from 1948-1953. He also worked for many years as Western division sales manager for the J.I. Case Co., moving to Racine, Wis., where he helped found the Racine Hydraulics Co. He served as the company's vice president. During his retirement in Howe, he worked at Bobilya Ford in LaGrange. Mr. Light was a longtime member of the Howe Lions Club, and a director for the LaGrange County Clothes and Food Basket.

He was born Sept. 17, 1919, in Howe, to the Rev. Charles and Mabel (Swihart) Light. On Nov. 9, 1941, he married M. Susanna McBride. After 59 years of marriage, she preceded him in death on July 24, 2000.

Three sisters, Alene Light Pierson, Anna Light McDonald and Alice Light Brown, and an infant brother, Arnold, are also deceased.

Surviving are three children and their spouses, Mary and Ted Lillie of St. Paul, Minn., Wesley and Dr. Diana Bell Light of Madison, Conn., and the Rev. Kathryn and the Rev. Carl Leth of Bedford; seven grandchildren, Dr. Lynne Lillie and her husband, Ted, Jennifer Nelson and her husband, Garth, Dr. Jeffrey Beckenbaugh and Mark Beckenbaugh and his wife, Carrie, Andrew and Capt. John Majewski and Mindy Goodman and her husband, Nick; three great-grandchildren, Kristina and Theodore Lillie and Amanda Beckenbaugh; 11 stepgrandchildren; 19 stepgreat-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; friends and other extended family members.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe, with the Rev. Carl Leth and the Rev. Dr. Terry Timson officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Memorials in lieu of flowers are to the church. Envelopes will be available at the service. Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe is in charge of arrangements.

William Hinsch

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — William Bud "Bill" Hinsch, 78, of Hicksville, died Monday morning, Oct. 15, 2001, at Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital. He had been in failing health for the past 1 1/2 years.

He was a brick mason for over 40 years, working in the tri-state area. He worked for the Ohio Department of Transportation as a state building inspector.

A World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, he served as a sergeant in Europe with the 11th Armored Division. He graduated in 1941 from Henry Ford Trade School in Detroit, Mich.

Mr. Hinsch was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Hicksville Masonic Lodge, Hicksville American Legion Post 223 and Hicksville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 311. He was a lifetime member of the Shriners and served as past commander of the American Legion and VFW posts. He was a past board member of Hicksville Crippled Children and Adults.

He was born March 25, 1923, in Hicksville to Seth W. and Beatrice I. (Teegardin) Hinsch.

He married Elowene Eyster on Aug. 16, 1942, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Lee Janeen Eberly of Bryan, Ohio; two sons, Raymond R. Hinsch of Toledo, Ohio, and William Dean Hinsch of Perrysburg, Ohio; one sister, Ila Rae Wise of Texas; one brother, Richard E. Hinsch of Pensacola, Fla.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) at Grace United Methodist Church, Hicksville. The Rev. Greg Inboden, pastor of the church, will officiate. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Shriners' Children's Hospitals, Grace United Methodist Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, is in charge of arrangements.

Ken Johnson

HEMET, Calif. — Ken Leon Johnson, 62, died Sept. 20, 2001, at his home in Hemet, Calif.

Mr. Johnson began working for S.S. Kresge Co. in Fort Wayne in 1960, unloading boxcars. He was promoted in the company, retiring as general manager of the K-Mart Distribution Center in Ontario, Calif., after 41 years.

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by the Redlands Police Department in Redlands, Calif. He was an avid collector of John Deere model tractors.

He was born June 24, 1939, in Huntertown to Oscar "Lee" and Leah "Myrtle" (Smith) Johnson. His father survives in Garrett and his mother preceded him in death.

He married Jannette "Darlene" Hinkson on July 6, 1959, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Kandi K. Johnson of Nelson, Neb., and Kristi S. Hawthorne and Kami R. Blake, both of Oceanside, Calif.; three brothers, Larry Johnson of Angola, Fay Johnson of Urbana, Ohio, and Rex Johnson of Hudson; one sister, Kay Bugert of LaOtto; and six grandchildren, Amy Pippert of Ozawkie, Kan., Lexi, Laci and Samuel Blake of Oceanside, and Dariel and Jessica Hawthorne, also of Oceanside.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Pastor Paul E. Paino officiating. Burial was in San Jacino Valley Cemetery in Hemet, Calif.

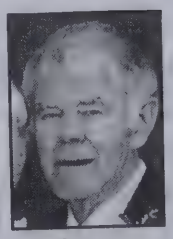
Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army or Christian Fellowship and Ministry in Fort Wayne.

Paul Bowman

AUBURN — Paul E. Bowman, 77, died Monday, Oct. 15, 2001, at 7:22 a.m. in his Auburn home.

Mr. Bowman was a manufacturing engineer for Phillips Industries in Albion, retiring in 1989. He was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, where he served as choir director and church song leader. He was a former board member and Sunday School superintendent at the church and a former president of the Christian Youth Crusade. He was a volunteer minister at the DeKalb County Jail. He restored John Deere equipment as a hobby.



Mr. Bowman

He was born Oct. 29, 1923, in Richland Township, DeKalb County, to Emery and Vesta (Fretz) Bowman.

He married Wanda Steininger on Nov. 11, 1943, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Jim Miller of Bottineau, N.D., Janel and Rick Snow of Auburn, Tammy and Steve Fryman of Westfield and Paula and Cecil Williams of London, Ky.; one brother, Howard Bowman of Auburn; one sister, Ruth LaRowe of Fort Wayne; one sister-in-law, Mary Bowman; seven grandchildren, Nanette (Miller) Devens, Chad Miller, Heidi Miller, Elizabeth and Roxie Snow, and Morgan and Seth Williams.

He was preceded in death by one son, Larry; one brother, Melvin; one half-brother, Hubert Bowman; and two half-sisters, Leona Bohler and Dorothy Daily.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, with calling after 10 a.m. The Rev. Loren MacMillen and the Rev. John Kinsey will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

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Kathryn Quidort

BRYAN, Ohio — Kathryn Louise "Koke" Quidort, 84, of Bryan, Ohio, died Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2001, at 2 p.m. in Parkview Nursing Center at Edgerton, Ohio, where she had been a resident since Friday.

Mrs. Quidort lived in the Angola area from 1982-1999. She was a bookkeeper for the Bryan Sewing Center, which she owned and operated with her husband from 1957-1980. She was a former member of the Bryan Moose Lodge.

She was born Aug. 15, 1917, in Bryan, Ohio, to Charles and Ruth (Deatrick) Stevens and was raised by the Frappier family in Bryan.

She married Clifford E. "Pat" Quidort on Aug. 26, 1939, in Bellefountaine, Ohio. He died in 1980.

Surviving are three sons and one daughter-in-law, Ronald Quidort and Douglas Quidort, both of Orlando, Fla., and Gary and Charlene Quidort of Winter Garden, Fla.; one daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Rick Burch of Bryan; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 12:30 p.m. (Indiana time) in Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton, with Pastor Dean Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Shiffler Cemetery near Pulaski, Ohio.

Calling is Friday from 3-7 p.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Janis Smith

AVILLA — Janis M. Smith, 73, died Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

A 1946 Wolf Lake High School graduate, she was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and its Rosary Society, and the Allen Township Home Economics Club.

She was born March 23, 1928, in Allen County to Arnold and Gladys (LeBeau) Riecke. On Feb. 19, 1949, in St. Paul Catholic Church, Columbia City, she married Edward F. Smith Sr., and he survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Edward Jr. and Vicki Smith of Avilla; eight daughters and seven sons-in-law, Marilyn and Tom Myers, Teresa and Howard Eicher, Rita and Lloyd Treesh and Connie and Mitch Blotkamp, all of Avilla; Rose Ellen Schafer and Doris and John Hartman, all of Fort Wayne, Mary Kay and Vince Helmkamp of Kendallville and Susan and Mark Hartman of Columbia City; 18 grandchildren, Jennifer Lemen, Joseph Myers, Ryan Treesh, Angela Kiracofe, Sarah Tyler, Katie Humble, Jill Dunkel, Todd Helmkamp, Brian and Beth Hartman, Jody and Matthew Hartman, Tiffany Blotkamp, Lucille and Sylvia Smith and Alaina, Andrea and Amy Eicher; five great-grandchildren, Emily Kay and Ellie Nicole Tyler, Michelle Same and Spencer and Laura Lemen; and four brothers, John and Herman Riecke, both of Fort Wayne, Jerome Riecke of Huntington and George Riecke of Dowagiac, Mich.

Three infant children, Joseph Ira (1960), Carol (1962) and Rebecca (1966), a great-granddaughter, Kayla Nicole Tyler, and a brother, Edwin Riecke, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Calling will be today from 6-9 p.m. and Friday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla, with a Rosary service at 7 p.m. Friday. Calling will also be one hour prior to services at the church on Saturday. Burial will be in Greenhill Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorials are to Masses for Mrs. Smith. Donations in her name may also be made to the church or St. Mary's School.

Clara High

GARRETT — Clara "Jane" High, 65, died Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2001, at 7:28 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. High was a press operator and a former co-owner of Tuffy's Depot in Garrett. She lived in Garrett for 32 years.

She was born Jan. 25, 1936, in Delphos, Ohio, to Walter and Dorothy (Dunlop) Richardson.

She married Gerald "Tuffy" High on June 9, 1962, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are one daughter, Pamela Bauman of Garrett; two sons, Walter Goldsberry of Monroeville and David Goldsberry of Ruidoso, N.M.; four brothers, Richard J. Richardson and Charles Richardson, both of Delphos, William Richardson of Middlepoint, Ohio, and Franklin Richardson of Howe; one sister, Shirley Kimmey of Middlepoint; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

One son, Jeffery Goldsberry, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Make A Wish. Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Llewellyn McRoden

NEW HAVEN — Llewellyn "Lou" McRoden, 68, died Monday, Oct. 15, 2001, at his New Haven home.

Mr. McRoden

Born June 29, 1933, in Chippewa County, Minn., he was an Allen County resident for 44 years.

Mr. McRoden worked in wholesale delivery for Allen Dairy for 30 years, retiring in 1995. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Haven and was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean conflict.

On June 1, 1957, in Fort Wayne, he married Josephine Brady, and she survives.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Eileen and Doug Sarrazine of Garrett and Ann and Steve Mensch of Fort Wayne; one son and daughter-in-law, Kenn and Sally McRoden of Ossian; three sisters, Faith Higgins of Miller, S.D., Antoinette Williamson of Montevideo, Minn., and Ella Lorence of San Jose, Calif.; one brother, William McRoden of Torrence, Calif., and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Maura, in 1963.

Mr. McRoden loved to spend time with his family, including his 11 grandchildren, Brendan, Kevan, Kristan and Ellen Mensch of Fort Wayne, Zachary, Andrea, Danielle, Nicholas and Meghan Sarrazine of Garrett and Patrick and Shivonne McRoden of Ossian.

He dedicated two rooms of his home to model trains, one room to bumper pool, an three-hole golf course in his backyard and a homemade basketball court. He enjoyed gardening, bowling and attending his grandchildren's events.

Mr. McRoden delivered milk to schools in the course of his job with Allen Dairy, and began to dress up in costumes for all the children's delight, including a pilgrim, Santa Claus, and St. Patrick. He never knew a stranger and touched countless lives with his warm, caring and selfless ways.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Haven. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery, Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Visitation is today from 6-9 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 East, New Haven with Rosary at 8:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen or to Masses.

Loren DuCharme

SARASOTA, Fla. — Loren Raymond DuCharme, 58, died Monday, Oct. 15, 2001, at Tampa Hospital.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and had lived in Sarasota for the past 26 years.

Mr. DuCharme was born April 28, 1943, in Ypsilanti, Mich., to Raymond and Marie (Ginther) DuCharme.

He married Normandie Bergh on June 17, 1978, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Eva Marie of Sarasota and Duana of Pulaski, Tenn.; two stepsons, Mark of Reno, Nev., and Eric of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Lionel Silvarman of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Duane and Marcia DuCharme of Columbia City; two nephews, Greggory DuCharme of Columbia City and Richard Silvarman of Auburn; two nieces, Beth Burke of Fishers and Michelle Kis of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at Veterans Hospital in Bay Pines, Fla. Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or the National Kidney Foundation of America.

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Edith Lortie

AVILLA — Edith Louise Lortie, 81, of Albion, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

A homemaker, she was a supporter of Noble County 4-H clubs and a member of NU-Yorkers Home Economics Club and the Rosary Society of Blessed Sacrament Church in Albion. She loved gardening, flowers and her family.

She was born Aug. 9, 1920, in Monroeville, to Jay and Lida (O'Brien) Smith. On Oct. 3, 1940, in Monroeville, she married Adrian Lortie, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 16, 1984. Seven brothers, Earl, Edwin, Maurice, Lloyd, Clarence, Wilfred and Bill, are also deceased.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Carolyn and Edward Nagle of Angola, Rita and Patrick Barker of Kendallville and Angela Lortie of Albion; five sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Janet Lortie, and Carl and Connie Lortie, all of Ligonier, Max and Fran Lortie of Cromwell, Norman and Ronda Lortie of Kimmell and William and Dawn Lortie of Albion; a sister, Eleanor Lunz of Yoder; 25 grandchildren; four great-granddaughters; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier, with Father Bebesino Fernandes officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 5-8 p.m. and Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home or the Blessed Sacrament Church of Albion Building Fund.

Joyce A. Giles

CHURUBUSCO — Joyce A. Giles, 72, of Churubusco, died Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She worked at Dana Corp. in Churubusco for 28 years, retiring in 1991. She was a volunteer for Parkview Hospital for 17 years and a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church, the Columbia City Order of the Eastern Star 65, Bethesda White Shrine of Jerusalem 11, the Churubusco American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, the "Dana Mites" and the widow's clubs of the Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne and the Whitley County Shrine Club.

She was born April 11, 1929, in Fort Wayne, to Bernard Sidney and Florence Augusta (Smith) Ginther.

Mr. Giles

She graduated from North Side High School and moved to Big Lake in Noble County before moving to Churubusco in 1972. On May 10, 1973, she married Hartwell M. "Inky" Giles. He died June 5, 1990.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Rose Ann and Jim Browning of Fort Myers, Fla., Ruth and Sam Buckles of Cromwell, Sue and Dennis Sorgenfrei of Huntertown and Sindy and Lee James of Clarksville, Tenn.; a son, Tommy D. Van Houten of Columbia City; a stepdaughter, Anne Stark of Columbia City; a brother, Harold R. Ginther of Seattle, Wash.; a sister, Elizabeth A. Robinson of Fort Wayne; a companion, Clarence C. Wesner of Columbia City; nine grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs of the Churubusco United Methodist Church officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2-7 p.m., with a service by the Columbia City Order of the Eastern Star at 7 p.m. and memorial services by Bethesda White Shrine of Jerusalem 11 following. Burial will be in IOOF Cemetery, New Haven.

Memorials are to the church or Shriner's Children's Hospital, Chicago.

Charlotte Hudson

SPENCERVILLE — Charlotte Louise Hudson, 79, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2001, at Kingston Health Care in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hudson was the former Spencerville Postmaster, retiring in 1986 after 26 years of service. She also worked as a bookkeeper at Rhinehart's in Spencerville for several years.

She was a member of the National Association of Postmasters, Leo American Legion Auxiliary, Spencer Belles Extension Homemakers Club, Spencerville United Methodist Church and Spencerville Order of Eastern Star 386. She also served in the WAVES for 30 months. She was an avid reader and accomplished seamstress.

She was born Sept. 6, 1922, in Kosciusko County to George and Alta (Huffman) Tucker.

She married William J. Hudson on Dec. 24, 1947, in North Manchester. He died March 12, 1978.

Surviving are two sons, Mike Hudson of Palatine, Ill., and Mark Hudson of Indianapolis; four daughters, Pat Holt of Auburn, Pegg Kennedy and Anita Johnson, both of Indianapolis, and Kathy Baker of Kendallville; one sister, Betty Miller of Portland, Ind.; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

One sister, Rosmae Markey, preceded her in death in 1980.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Spencerville United Methodist Church, with Pastor Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in White City Cemetery, Spencervillle.

Calling is Saturday from 2-8 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. Eastern Star services will be conducted Saturday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to SympathyCBW@aol.com.

Lauren Smith

GARRETT — Lauren J. "L.J." Smith, 86, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2001, at 12:15 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home, Garrett.

Mr. Smith

He was a farmer and then worked as a brakeman on the Baltimore & Ohio and Chesapeake & Ohio railroads for 30 years, retiring Jan. 4, 1978. He had lived in Garrett for one year and in Kendallville for the previous five years. He was a former resident of Lake of the Woods.

Mr. Smith was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ, United Transportation Union 298, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Garrett Eagles Aerie 1357, and a lifetime member of Garrett Elks Lodge 1447. He was an active member of the LaGrange County and DeKalb County Democratic parties for 50 years.

He was born Oct. 23, 1914, in Kendallville to Claude T. and Nellie M. (Waldron) Smith.

He married his wife, Phyllis V. Smith, on Oct. 23, 1935, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving him are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Thomas L. and Jane M. (Hosler) Smith of Howe, and Jerry D. Smith of Auburn; two daughters, Nancy V. (Smith) Lantz of Garrett and Patsy J. (Smith) McDermott of Huntington; two sons-in-law, Lawrence C. Lantz of Garrett and Steven L. Davidson of Huntington; two daughters-in-law, Sherry (Hunter) Smith of Hamilton and Mary Jean (Axtell) Warstler; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles N. and Ruth Smith of Kendallville, Robert C. and Mary Smith of Largo, Fla., Bill L. and Barbara Smith of Columbia City, and James E. and Betty Smith of Fort Wayne; one sister, Katherine (Smith) Hasselman of Kendallville; one sister-in-law, Doris (Wright) Smith of Cree Lake; one brother-in-law, Earl L. Skelly of Waterloo; 18 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Theodore E. "Ted" Smith; one brother, Harold L. Smith; and one sister, Arcille Skelly.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Pastor Mike Booher officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the South Milford Church of Christ, or the Kendallville police or fire departments.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Kenneth Ragan

KENDALLVILLE — Kenneth D. Ragan, 87, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2001, at home.

A retired farmer, he was a member of the IOOF lodge in Kendallville, the AARP of Noble County and the Swinging Saints of Albion.

He was born July 12, 1914, in Allen Township, Noble County, to Jarrett and Jennie (Kuhn) Ragan. On March 15, 1941, he married Mary E. Hill, and she survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Ted and Wendy Ragan of Columbia City and Ned and Sandra Ragan of Kendallville; a daughter-in-law, Barbara Ragan-Siler, and her husband, Carl, of Columbia City; four grandsons, Chad, Cary and Christopher Ragan of Kendallville and Mark Ragan of Columbia City; three graddaughters, Dayna Larue, Brianne Jones and Allysha Fretter, all of Columbia City; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery near Kendallville.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

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James Faulkner

WATERLOO — James R. Faulkner, 67, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2001, at 11:12 p.m. in Baptist Hospital at Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Faulkner worked for Squier Sawmill in Waterloo for 25 years, retiring in March 2001. He was a member of Angola Moose Lodge and drove race cars as a hobby. He was also a race car fan.

He was born March 9, 1934, in Corunna to Glen and Helen (Cannan) Faulkner.

He married Barbara Welsh on Feb. 24, 1979. She died July 7, 1993.

Surviving are one son, James Faulkner; five daughters, Lana Faulkner, Julia Foster, Jamie Faulkner, Cindy Faulkner and Dawn Wedding; two stepsons, Greg Iddings of Waterloo and Dennis Iddings of Big Sand, Texas; one stepdaughter, Deb Bair Field of Angola; one brother, Edward Faulkner of Waterloo; two sisters, Arzella Pack of Port Angeles, Wash., and Ramona Foster of Waterloo; 13 grandchildren, 10 stepgrandchildren, five stepgreat-grandchildren, and a companion, Mary Orton of Nunnelly, Tenn.

A daughter, Cynthia Faulkner, and a brother, Willard Faulkner, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Kathleen Holcomb

FREMONT — Kathleen (Stroh) Holcomb, 76, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2001, in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Holcomb was former owner of Stroh's Furniture Store in Fremont. She lived in Fremont and was a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church.

She was born Feb. 8, 1925, in Detroit and raised by Corydon and Jessie Stewart.

She married Gordon E. Stroh on Aug. 16, 1942, in Fremont. He died Oct. 2, 1994. She then married Howard Holcomb on Nov. 12, 1995, in LaGrange. He died June 2, 2001.

Surviving are one daughter, Trudy Carpenter of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Craig "Bud" and Debbie Stroh of Fremont, and Greg and Sharon Stroh, also of Fremont; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Donald Meyers officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care & Hospice or the Steuben County Community Foundation (Fremont Fund).

Virginia Thomas

AUBURN — Graveside memorial services for Virginia M. Thomas, 78, will be held today at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

She died Thursday, Oct. 11, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Memorials are to the Heart Fund and Children First Center.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Thomas was a homemaker and worked in the cafeteria for the DeKalb Central United School District for 13 years.

She graduated from Hicksville High School in 1941 and lived in Auburn. She was a member of Women of the Moose and the American Legion Auxiliary and a former member of Greenhurst Country Club, Auburn.

She was born Feb. 7, 1923, in Bryan, Ohio, to James H. and Dessie M. (Evans) Cromwell.

Her husband, Richard L. Thomas, survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Bethany J. Heffley of Auburn and Sandy K. Thomas of Auburn; one brother, Harold D. Cromwell of Hicksville; one sister, D. Joan Wise of Auburn; three grandchildren, Stacy Guinn and Lance Norton, both of Auburn, and Heather Norton of Corunna; and one great-grandchild. Alyssa Gibson of Auburn.

Two sisters, Maxine G. Skinner and Mary Morral, and five brothers, Robert, Lester, Deac, Bud and Forrest Cromwell, preceded her in death.

Angie Smith

SYRACUSE — Angie Lynn Smith, 25, of Syracuse, died Friday, Oct. 19, 2001, at 8:11 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was transported there after an automobile accident in Kosciusko County.

Miss Smith

Miss Smith was employed at Syracuse Animal Hospital. She spent her formative years in Kendallville and graduated from East Noble High School.

She was born June 20, 1976, in Angola.

Surviving are her father and stepmother, Stuart and Sue Smith of Albion; her mother and stepfather, Vanessa and Kenneth Olsen of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Sara and Riley Cook of Colorado; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Jason and Sarah Smith of Utah and Dirk Smith of Canada; her fiance, Michael Hultquist of Syracuse; two grandmothers, Freada Atkins of Angola and Carol Baker of Bryan, Ohio; and her step-grandparents, Leolan and Diana Pressler of South Whitley.

She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Richard Smith and Ellis Baker.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City. David Patterson will officiate. Burial will be in South Park Annex Cemetery, Columbia City.

Calling is Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kosciusko County Humane Society.

Marceil Foote

ROME CITY — Marceil M. Foote, 74, died Saturday, Oct. 20, 2001, at 11 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital at Kendallville. She was taken to the hospital when she suffered an apparent stroke on Friday.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed her family, reading, crocheting and fishing.

Mrs. Foote made her home with her daughter in Rome City for the past several years. She spent most of her adult life in the Churubusco and Blue Lake areas.

She was born March 8, 1927, in Laddie, Ohio, to George and Elmira Rollins Deck. She moved to Churubusco as a child with her parents and spent her formative years there, graduating from Churubusco High School.

Her first marriage was to Roger D. Eamick. He died Aug. 31, 1957. She later married Richard Paul Foote, who died Dec. 3, 1984.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Louise and Dick Kirkpatrick of Rome City, with whom she made her home, and Clara and Ron Kuehner of Fremont; two sons and daughters-in-law, Tony and Louise Eamick and Dean and Rita Eamick, all of Tucson, Ariz.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Joan Ott of Merriam and Joyce and Warren Tompkins of Fort Pierce, Fla.; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Mary Deck of Churubusco and Ralph and Eileen Deck of Albion; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A brother, Warren Deck, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco. The Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, will officiate. Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Pauline Snider

GARRETT — Pauline "Polly" W. Snider, 86, died Friday, Oct. 19, 2001, at 3:55 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Snider was a homemaker and lived in Garrett for 55 years.

She was born April 4, 1915, in Washington, Ind., to Roy H. and Sadie (Bracken) Smoot.

She married William H. Snider on Aug. 6, 1938. He died in 1985.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Judy Snider of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Jeri and Larry Hixson of Auburn; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Paul Smoot of Brownsburg and William Smoot of Fort Myers, Fla.; a sister, Barbara Frolick of Indianapolis; and a daughter-in-law, Karen Jo Renner of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by one son, William Snider; two brothers, Charles Smoot and Bernard Smoot; two sisters, Esther Clark and Norma Jean Smoot; and a grandson, William Joseph Snider.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Lloyd Mealer will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is Monday from 4-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Fred Crass Jr.

COLDWATER, Mich. — Fred B. Crass Jr., 73, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2001, in Select Specialty Hospital at Battle Creek, Mich.

Mr. Crass lived in Coldwater. He worked as a millwright for General Motors until his retirement in 1986.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Coldwater Eagles and the Quincy, Mich., post of the American Legion. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping.

He was born Sept. 25, 1928, in Fleming, Ky. to Fred Crass Sr. and Mattie (Morris) Crass.

He married Shirley Nelson on March, 18, 1988, in Dayton, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Michael Crass of Kettering, Ohio; Randall Rinehart of Albion and Jerry Rinehart of Christiansburg, Va.; a daughter-in-law, LeAnn Weller of Coldwater; eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews, including a special nephew, Tim Russell Sr. of Quincy, Mich.

He was preceded in death by a son, two daughters and two sisters.

Services will be held Monday at noon (Indiana time) in Gillespie Funeral Home, Coldwater. The Rev. Randall Rinehart will officiate. Burial will be in Wilson Cemetery of Branch County, Mich.

Calling is today from 1-5 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Community Health Center of Branch County Hospice.

Andy Bolen

PRESTONBURG, Ky. — Andy Bolen, 79, of Prestonburg, died Sunday Oct. 7, 2001 at the Highland Regional Medical Center. He was born to Reece and Nancy (Conly) Bolen on June 29, 1922 in Garrett, Ky.

He married Mabel Bolen who preceded him in death on April 5, 1999. Mr. Bolen was a retired oil and gas driller for Kinzer Drilling. He was a member of the James W. Alley Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by a daughter, Barbara Poter of Prestonburg, Ky; one brother, Robert Bolen of Garrett, Ky; two sisters, Maxine Gibson of Willard, Ohio, and Geraldean Ramey of LaGrange, Ind. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Raymond, Thedore, and Loya Bolen, and by two sisters, Unia Bolen and Ada Scarbeary.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 11, 2001, at Burke Funeral Home in Prestonburg. Burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, Ky.

Robert Liby

ASHLEY — Robert S. Liby, 59, died Saturday, Oct. 20, 2001, at his home in Ashley.

Mr. Liby was self-employed as a woodworking craftsman. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born Nov. 9, 1941, in Mishawaka to Russell L. and Dorothy J. (Jacobs) Liby.

He married Marcia Minch on Oct. 23, 1970, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Micah and Brandi Liby and Timothy Liby, all of Ashley; two daughters and one son-in-law, Carrie and Stephen Lavoy of Angola and Christine Miller of Ashley; one brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Mary Ann Liby of Angola; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Nancy and Joseph Stark of Alexandria, Beth and David Mansfield of Plainfield and Jane and Phillip Borchelt of Fort Wayne; one grandchild, Nicodemus Miller; seven nieces, four nephews and one great-nephew.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in Lakewood Park Church, Auburn. Pastor Robert Siegrist will officiate. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Tuesday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 at the church.

Memorials are to Child Evangelism Fellowship and to the family, in care of Professional Federal Credit Union, Angola.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2001

Ernest Brown

BUTLER — Ernest L. Brown, 68, died Saturday, Oct. 20, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Brown lived in Butler and worked at Bohn Aluminum of Butler as a laborer for 11 years before he retired. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict.

He was born July 31, 1933, in Sedalia, Mo., to William and Emma E. (Newell) Brown. They preceded him in death.

He married Marjorie Jenkin on July 29, 1955, in Kansas City, Mo., and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Daniel N. Brown of Auburn, and Joseph L. Brown and William G. Brown, both of Butler; two daughters, Nancy L. Martin of Owensboro, Ky., and Beverly Mercer of Butler; two brothers, Charles Brown of Columbia, Mo., and William Brown of Garden Grove, Calif.; one sister, Frances Guyman of Sedalia; a stepfather, George W. Snider of Sedalia; 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

There will be no calling or services.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Cancer Society.

Beatrice Ciolkos

SOUTH WHITLEY — Beatrice Ann "Betty" Ciolkos, 78, died Sunday, Oct. 21, 2001, at 2:30 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City, where she had lived since 1997.

Mrs. Ciolkos was a homemaker and lived in Angola until 1976, when she moved to South Whitley. She was a member of St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2919 Auxiliary. She graduated from Madison Central High School in Madison, Wis.

She was born June 25, 1923, in Madison to Jay and Frances (Tesar) Shipley.

She married Walter Ciolkos on Jan. 6 , 1948. He died in April 1975.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara Ann and John Hofer of South Whitley; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Tina Ciolkos of Fort Wayne; five grandsons, Mark, James and Christopher Clark, and Ryan and David Ciolkos; and two great-granddaughters, Shawn Clark and Madison Ann Clark.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Joshua, and a brother, James F. Shipley.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Smith and Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley, with Father Dale Bauman officiating.

A committal service will be held Wednesday at noon in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children.

Anne Bassett

AUBURN — Anne Elizabeth Bassett, 61, of rural Auburn, died Saturday, Oct. 20, 2001, at 8:20 p.m. in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. She had been ill since July.

Mrs. Bassett was an English and art teacher in Fort Wayne Catholic Schools for 24 years, retiring in 1984 as the art director at Bishop Dwenger High School. She also had taught at St. Vincent DePaul, St. John's and Sacred Heart schools in Fort Wayne.

She spent her formative years in Jackson Township of DeKalb County. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1958 and from Saint Francis College in 1962. She earned a master's degree from Saint Francis in 1964. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege.

She was born May 20, 1940, in Garrett to Bernard and Ermel (Weaver) Drerup.

She married Franklin L. "Bud" Bassett on Aug. 11, 1987, in Fort Wayne and he survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and one son-in-law, Julianne Harter of Fort Wayne, Patricia Hensinger of Auburn, and Mary and Martin Maconochie of Clawson, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Gregory and Ruth Case of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter and her husband, Christine and Rex Horsewood of Hoagland; two stepsons and their wives, Craig and Nancy Bassett, and Clay and Deb Bassett, all of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Bernard and Eleanor Drerup of Huntertown; a sister, Mary Ort of Evansville; 11 grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Ege, following a prayer service at 1:30 p.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco. Father Danney Pinto and Father Edward J. Krason will be the celebrants. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday after 11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

William Baugh

PIKETON, Ohio — William Lawrence Baugh, 76, died Friday, Oct. 19, 2001, at 2 p.m. in Pike Community Hospital in Waverly, Ohio.

Mr. Baugh was a farmer and formerly lived in Buchanan, Ky. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Buchanan Methodist Church.

He was born March 24, 1925, in Buchanan to Thomas and Cora Lee (Newsome) Baugh.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth (Tomlin) Baugh; one sister, Mary B. Reed of Louisa, Ky.; two brothers, Lonzo Baugh of Hamilton and George Baugh of Catlettsburg, Ky.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel, with the Rev. Keith Workman officiating. Burial will be in Buchanan Chapel Cemetery.

Calling is today from 4-9 p.m. in Young Funeral Home, Louisa, Ky.

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Thomas Harris

ALBION, Mich. — Thomas Edward Harris, 42, died Sunday, Oct. 21, 2001, at his Albion, Mich., home.

Mr. Harris worked for various businesses, including Angola Coach in Angola. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, working on cars, and home construction.

He was born Oct. 17, 1959, in Albion, Mich., to James Ronald Harris and Layola Jane (Hutchins) Harris. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are one son, Jason Harris of Coldwater, Mich.; six brothers and four sisters-in-law, Gary Harris of Jackson, Mich., Wes and Nancy Harris of Homer, Mich., Steve and Kathy Harris of Concord, Mich., Phillip Harris of Albion, Mich., Neil "Ray" and Lorrie Harris of Tekonsha, Mich., and Bert and Deborah Harris of Coldwater; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Judy and Sid Avery of Bronson, Mich., Linda and Jay Neusbaum of Hodunk, Mich., Connie Harris of Tennessee, and Gail and Daryl Shoemaker of Angola.

Services will be held Friday at noon (Indiana time) in the Albion chapel of Tidd-Williams Funeral Chapels. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Girard, Mich.

Calling is Thursday from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Leah Cooperrider

COLUMBIA CITY — Leah Meleta "Peggy" Cooperrider, 87, died Monday, Oct. 22, 2001, at 12:23 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health the past two weeks.

Mrs. Cooperrider

Mrs. Cooperrider retired in 1981 after 38 1/2 years of employment with Dana Weatherhead Co. in Columbia City. She had lived in Columbia City since 1942, moving there from Hartford City. She formerly lived in Muncie, where she graduated from Muncie High School in 1932. She was a member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church and Columbia City Eagles Lodge Auxiliary 1906.

She was born June 16, 1914, in Muncie to Gola and Bessie (Smithson) Jackson.

She married Floyd L. "Barney" Lewis on Dec. 11, 1937, in Louisville, Ky., and he died May 21, 1956. She then married Harold Alvin Cooperrider on Nov. 30, 1957, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 17, 1986.

Surviving are two stepdaughters and their husbands, Martha and Edward Miller of Auburn, and Mary and John Huffman of Bushnell, Fla.; two cousins, Bill Ferguson of Massillon, Ohio, and Betty Keppler of St. Petersburg, Fla.; eight stepgrandchildren and 18 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one stepson, Richard Stanley Lewis; one stepdaughter, Sue Ann Van Houten; and one stepgrandson, Edward A. Miller.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be in Union Cemetery, southeast of Muncie.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@demoneygrimes.com.

Malvina Tindall

FORT WAYNE — Malvina P. Tindall, 86, died Sunday, Oct. 21, 2001, at Wolf Lake.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a homemaker and former Kmart employee for seven years. She also worked as a prep cook in the dietary department of Kingston Retirement Center for 13 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Catherine Bachellor of Wolf Lake and Beverly Sabina of Alliance, Ohio; a son, Gerald Tindall of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Roy Smith of Tampa, Fla., Melvin Smith of Apache Junction, Ariz., and Walter and Calvin Smith, both of Fort Wayne; three sisters, LaVon Myers of Butler and Maryetta Shive and Gloria Close, both of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Doyt, on Jan. 16, 1978; a grandson, Kent Barclay, on Oct. 20, 1963; a granddaughter, Karen McMahon; two brothers; and two sisters.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Ethel 'Betty' Williams

EDON, Ohio — Memorial services for Ethel Mary "Betty" Williams, 88, will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) in the Columbia Church of Christ, Columbia, Ohio.

Mrs. Williams, 88, of rural Edon, died Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2001, at 11:57 p.m. in Evergreen Manor Nursing Care Center at Montpelier, Ohio. She had been a resident there after an extended illness.

She had worked at International Harvester and managed several Angola-area restaurants. She attended the Columbia Church of Christ.

She was born June 19, 1913, in Monroeville, Ind., to Frank and Kathryn (Moyer) Gallapo.

She married Lee H. Williams in 1948 and he survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, David and Roberta Williams of Edon; one daughter, Cherry R. Petre of Waterloo; seven grandchildren; and one brother, Daniel Minster of Fremont.

She was preceded in death by one son, three sisters and two brothers.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Krill Funeral Service of Edon is in charge of arrangements.

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Velma Dowty

FORT WAYNE — Velma R. Dowty, 87, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2001, at Parkview Hospital.

She worked as a cost accountant for General Electric in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1974 after 18 years. She was a member of the Simpson United Methodist Church, the Order of the Eastern Star 432 in Fort Wayne and the Elex and Honor Ettes of General Electric. She was an Ossian High School graduate.

She was born March 6, 1914, in Ossian, to Fred and Bessie (Fox) Van Anda. On Oct. 17, 1933, she married Hubert V. Dowty, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son, Don A. Dowty of Churubusco; a daughter, Karen L. Cross of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Two sisters preceded her in death.

There will be no services or calling. Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Simpson United Methodist Church. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Ernest Pippenger

ORLAND — Ernest Edmond Pippenger, 89, died Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2001, at his home.

He worked as a sawman at Coachman Industries and as a self-employed farmer. He also owned and operated Pippenger Manufacturing Co. in Coldwater, Mich.

He was born Jan. 30, 1912, in Milford, to Adam and Sarah (Mitschelen) Pippenger. On Dec. 23, 1974, he married Shirley Bauder in Howe, and his wife survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Ruth Ann Pippenger of Washington, D.C.; a granddaughter, Laurie Pippenger of Washington, D.C.; two brothers, Fred Pippenger of Bronson, Mich., and Forrest Smith of Middlebury; three stepsons, J.R. Conley of Rome City, Douglas Conley of Bronson and Thomas Conley of Orland; a stepdaughter and her husband, Christine and Paul Gibson of Bronson; and six step-grandchildren.

Three brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe, with the Rev. Paul Pierucki officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Brighton Chapel Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Rozanne Sue Preston

HUNTERTOWN — Rozanne Sue Preston, 64, of rural Fort Wayne near Huntertown, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Preston

She was a homemaker and a member of the Huntertown United Methodist Church. She was raised in Huntertown, graduating from Huntertown High School in 1954.

She was born Dec. 13, 1936, in Peoria, Ill. She moved to Huntertown with her parents, Samuel and Marie (Pepple) Bireley. In 1957, she married Robert B. Preston, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 17, 1985.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Brent E. Preston of Fort Wayne and Steven R. and Sandy Preston of Alathe, Kan.; her mother, of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Timothy Terrell of Huntertown United Methodist Church officiating. Calling will be Friday from 5-8 p.m. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Sylvester Haarer

SHIPSHEWANA — Sylvester R. Haarer, 85, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor in Wakarusa.

He was a farmer all his life and was ordained into the ministry in 1964, serving the Forks Mennonite Church from 1964-1976 and the Riverview Mennonite Church for over 10 years. He lived most of his life in the Shipshewana area. He was a member of Riverview Church and was an avid quilt designer and maker, crafts maker and gardener.

Mr. Haarer

He was born April 1, 1916, in Goshen, to William H., Sr., and Fannie (Eash) Haarer. On May 8, 1938, in Shipshewana, he married A. Hilda Bontrager, and she preceded him in death on Feb. 9, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Eunice and Elmer Maust of Goshen and Esther and Roger Wenger of Shipshewana; four sons, Daniel and Donald Haarer of Goshen, Verlin Haarer of Huntertown and Lowell Haarer of Linville, Va.; five brothers, Leonard and Paul Haarer of Shipshewana, David Haarer of Dansville, Mich., William Haarer Jr. of Sarasota, Fla., and Samuel Haarer of White Pigeon, Mich.; 16 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Corona Weldy and Mary Troyer, a brother, Aldine Haarer, and three great-grandchildren, Christian, Christopher and Nathaniel Wall, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Forks Mennonite Church in Middlebury, with the Rev. Glen Gingerich of Riverview Mennonite Church and the Rev. David Helmuth officiating. Calling will be today from 5-8 p.m. and Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery in Middlebury.

Memorials are to Riverview Mennonite Church for leadership development training.

Mabel Hall

WATERLOO — Mabel A. Hall, 89, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2001, at 5:50 a.m. in Wesley Health Care Center of Auburn.

Mrs. Hall was a homemaker and lived in Waterloo. She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and the Rebekah lodges of Waterloo and Hamilton.

She was born Dec. 17, 1911, in Rising Sun, Ohio, to James and Ada Master.

She married Clifford Hall on March 16, 1928, in Rising Sun, Ohio. He died Jan. 16, 1987.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Ina Hall of Sydney, Ohio, and Carl and Darlene Hall of Cridersville, Ohio; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Jim Sutton, and Cheryl and Tom Till, all of Waterloo; 19 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Richard and Robert; one daughter, Patricia Self; one brother, LeRoy Master; one sister, Glenola Blessing; and one great-grandchild, Jeremy Kieth.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. John Hostetter officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Lima, Ohio.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church Endowment Fund.

Jean Seiberling

FREMONT — Jean F. Seiberling, 73, of Vero Beach, Fla., and Fremont, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2001, at Kobacker House in Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Seiberling enjoyed reading, gardening, bird watching, quilting, playing bridge and her family and friends.

She graduated from Norton High School, Norton, Ohio, and The Ohio State University, where she was a lifelong member of the President's Club.

She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, where she belonged to the Dorcas Circle. She also belonged to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Vero Beach, where she was part of the Sunbonnet Sue Quilting Group.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Dale A. Seiberling; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Leslie and Robert Olson of Chadds Ford, Pa., Lynda and Robert Chambers of Worthington, Ohio, and Lisa Seiberling of Columbus, Ohio; one brother, Robert L. "Pat" Folk of Columbus; four grandchildren, Daniel and Elizabeth Olson and Maggie and Kellie Chambers; and many nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

A memorial service will be held Friday at noon (Indiana time) in New Hope Reformed Church, 5115 Powell Road (State Route 750), Powell, Ohio, with pastors Donald Myers and Steve Norden officiating.

Memorials are to the John Saul Garden Room, Riverside/Grant Hospice, 3535 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43214-3998.

Arrangements are by Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home in Worthington, Ohio.

Stephen Osipowich

LAGRANGE — Stephen J. Osipowich, 57, died Monday, Oct. 22, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A factory maintenance worker, he was a member of LaGrange Moose Lodge 1351, Meridian Sun Lodge 76 F & A M, the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne — Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne, the LaGrange County Shrine Club and LaGrange American Legion Post 215. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was born July 1, 1944, in Claremont, N.H., to Stephen and Mary (Suheski) Osipowich. On March 15, 1969, in Defiance, Ohio, he married Dianne K. Osipowich, and she survives.

Also surviving are his mother and stepfather, Raymond and Mary Woods of Claremont, N.H.; two sons, Alexander M. Osipowich of San Diego, Calif., and David G. Osipowich of Virginia Beach, Va.; a sister, Marianne Greenwood of Claremont, N.H.; and a brother, Thomas Osipowich of Windsor, Calif.

A brother, David Osipowich, preceded him in death.

Memorial services conducted by the LaGrange Moose Lodge 1351, Meridian Sun Lodge 76 F & AM and LaGrange American Legion Post 215 will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Calling will be Sunday from 1-2 p.m.

Memorials are to the Center for the Homeless, 813 S. Michigan St., South Bend IN 46601.

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Chaz Daler

ANGOLA — Chaz A. Daler, 16, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2001, at 6:25 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Chaz Daler

He was a junior at Angola High School and lived in Angola. He was employed at Dillinger's Restaurant in Hudson. He enjoyed baseball, hunting, music and MTV.

He was born July 3, 1985, in Angola.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Tracey C. and Lisa Daler of Angola; his mother and her companion, Sonya C. German and Patrick Cloyd, of Ashley; two brothers, Shae Daler of Angola and Zachary Cloyd of Ashley; his maternal grandparents, Robert Dick of Albuquerque, N.M., and Russell and Janet German of Abilene, Texas; his paternal grandparents, Steven and Vivian Daler of Angola; his maternal great-grandparents, Faye German of Angola and Virginia Colvin of Apache Junction, Ariz.; his paternal great-grandparents, Virginia Daler of Angola and John Baldwin of Fort Wayne; and a maternal great-great-grandmother, Peggy Goss of Coldwater, Mich.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola, with calling there after 1 p.m. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Additional calling is Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family or the Youth Services Fund.

Thomas Harris

ALBION, Mich. — Thomas Edward Harris, 42, died Sunday, Oct. 21, 2001, at his Albion, Mich., home.

Mr. Harris worked for various businesses, including Angola Coach in Angola. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, working on cars, and home construction.

He was born Oct. 17, 1959, in Albion, Mich., to James Ronald Harris and Layola Jane (Hutchins) Harris. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are one son, Jason Harris of Coldwater, Mich.; six brothers and four sisters-in-law, Gary Harris of Jackson, Mich., Wes and Nancy Harris of Homer, Mich., Steve and Kathy Harris of Concord, Mich., Phillip Harris of Albion, Mich., Neil "Ray" and Lorrie Harris of Tekonsha, Mich., and Bert and Deborah Harris of Coldwater; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Judy and Sid Avery of Bronson, Mich., Linda and Jay Neusbaum of Hodunk, Mich., Connie Harris of Tennessee, and Gail and Daryl Shoemaker of Angola; and one granddaughter, Makenna Watkins.

Services were held today at noon (Indiana time) in the Albion chapel of Tidd-Williams Funeral Chapels. Burial was to be in Evergreen Cemetery, Girard, Mich.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Andrew Skylar Hicks

LIGONIER — Andrew Skylar Hicks, infant, died at birth Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital.

Surviving are his parents, C. Sherman and Melina A. "Mindy" (Sorg) Hicks of Ligonier; his paternal grandparents, Larry and Loretta Collins of Topeka; his maternal grandfather, Eugene Sorg of Kendallville; his maternal great-grandmother, Alice Knuckles of South Whitley; and two brothers, Wesley Sherman, 4, and Larry Vincent, 1, both at home.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, with the Rev. Harold Heaton of Bible Baptist Church in Ligonier officiating. Calling will be from 9:30-10:30 Saturday. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Dorothy Walter

AUBURN — Dorothy Walter, 83, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Walter

Mrs. Walter lived in Auburn and was a homemaker and member of Auburn Alliance Church.

She was born Sept. 15, 1917, in Evansville to Clyde and Elizabeth (Price) White.

Surviving are her husband, Howard E. Walter; one daughter, Patricia "Pat" Greenfield of Waterford, Mich.; a sister, Mary Kyle of Arizona; a half-sister, Lorita Utley of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Mark Bohler of Corunna, Greg Bohler of Garrett, Amy Wilson of Highland, Mich., and Kristine Walter and Andrea Fisher, both of Fort Wayne; and 14 great-grandchildren.

One son, Frederic O. Walter, and one brother, Stanley White, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Auburn Alliance Church, with calling there after 1 p.m. Pastor David R. Schleh will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Additional calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Callianna Arbuckle

SHIPSHEWANA — Callianna Jeanette Arbuckle was stillborn Thursday, Oct. 25, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital.

Surviving are her parents, Jonathan Suddarth of Sturgis, Mich., and Rebeka B. Arbuckle of Shipshewana; her grandparents, Brian and Gwen Arbuckle of Shipshewana and Henry and Sharon Suddarth of Fayetteville, N.C.; and her great-grandparents, Ann Griffin and Bruce L. and Carlene Griffin, all of Fort Wayne and Marjory and Edwrd Glankowski of Reddington, Ind.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Violett Cemetery in Goshen, with the Rev. Mahlon Miller officiating. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Lemadell Menghini

KENDALLVILLE — Lemadell Menghini, 79, of Kendallville, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2001, at her home.

She attended the Church of the Nazarene in Royalton, Ill., and was a retired manager for Goldblatts Department Store in Hillside, Ill.

She was born Oct. 29, 1921, in Marshall County, Ky., to Cly Thomas and Mary Elta (Butler) Mason. On Nov. 2, 1941, in Jackson, Mo., she married Frank Menghini, and he preceded her in death on March 1, 1981. A brother, Bob Mason, died on Nov. 7, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda Kay and Robert C. Jones of Kendallville; two grandchildren, Barbara Iavanilio and her husband, David, of Goshen, and Robert C. Jones Jr. of Fort Wayne; four great-grandchildren, Thadius, Dakota, Jessup and Devin; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Estelle and Clyde Hite and Mattie and Bob Biggs, all of Royalton.

Services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at Vantrease Funeral Home in Royalton, with the Rev. David Sorensen officiating. Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday. Burial will be in Miners Cemetery, Royalton. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is responsible for local arrangements.

Lauretta Lain

LIGONIER — Lauretta Anna Cluver Lain, 49, of Ligonier, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2001, at her son's Elkhart home.

She was a supervisor for Tenneco Automotive in Ligonier and attended Ash Grove Lutheran Church in Cissna Park, Ill.

She was born Jan. 26, 1952, in Iroquois, Ill., to Norbert Edward and Mary T. (West) Cluver.

Surviving are her fiance, Kenneth Griffith, of Ligonier; a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffery and Stephanie Lain of Elkhart; a brother and sister-in-law, Rex and Barb Cluver of Watseka, Ill.; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Shawn Crawford of Sikeston, Mo., Monica and Kevin Lusk of Seattle, Wash., and Maxine and Mike Wallner of Champaign, Ill.; two grandchildren, Cameron and Morgan Lain; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Knapp Funeral Home in Cissna Park, Ill., with the Rev. Jim Shepard officiating. Calling will be today from 4-7 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier and Saturday from 1-2 p.m. at Knapp Funeral Home in Cissna Park. Burial will be in Ash Grove Lutheran Church Cemetery, Cissna Park.

Memorials are to the family.

Jennifer Messer

ALBION — Jennifer Messer, 51, of Albion, died Thursday, Oct. 25, 2001, at 12:15 a.m. at her sister's home.

She was born Nov. 20, 1949, in Lothair, Ky., to the Rev. Jesse and Dale (Roark) Messer, and her father preceded her in death on Jan. 11, 2000.

Surviving are her mother, of Albion; a brother, Jesse Messer Jr. of Avilla; and three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Teri and Eddy Roark of Albion and Robin and Charles Tackett and Rhonda Handshoe, all of Kendallville.

Services will be held today at 7 p.m. and Saturday at noon at Brimfield Revival Center in Brimfield. Calling will be after 4 p.m. today and after 9 a.m. Saturday at Brimfield Revival Center. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Memorials are to Brimfield Revival Center or Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice.

Robert C. Paulus

LAGRANGE — Robert C. Paulus, 71, of LaGrange, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2001, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

He had retired from the Indiana State Highway Department in 1992 after 31 years of service.

He was born Oct. 25, 1929, in Brighton, Ind., to Arthur and Hazel (Johnson) Paulus. On June 3, 1949, in Shipshewana, he married Ardith Boyd, and his wife survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Peggy and Randy Yeomans of Mendon, Mich., and Jayne and Dan Meinerts of Hull, Iowa; four sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Jane Paulus, Terry and Kathy Paulus and Mark and Deb Paulus, all of LaGrange, and Jack and Deb Paulus of Sturgis, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Helen Wolf of South Bend and Mary Lou Paight of LaGrange.

A brother, Donald Paulus, and a sister, Betty Jane Paulus, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the Diabetics Association.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2001

Helen Ward

TECUMSEH, Mich. — Helen Ruth (Mortorff) Ward, 87, died at home Thursday, Oct. 25, 2001, in Tecumseh, Mich. A breast cancer survivor of 44 years, her cancer returned.

She graduated valedictorian of her class in 1933 at Pleasant Lake High School. Crystal Springs Farm, Pleasant Lake, of which her brother is now proprietor, has been in her family for over 100 years. She was a health aide at Adrian State Training School and Ypsilanti State Hospital in Michigan.

She was born June 20, 1914, on the family farm to Walter Clyde and Inez Ruth (Gilbert) Mortorff. In August 1932 she married Eugene Oscar Ward, who preceded her in death in 1966.

Two sisters and two brothers also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Marilyn Ward Stevens of Tecumseh and Evelyn Ward Michael of Grandville, Ohio; three sons, Donald Ward of Coldwater, Mich., David Ward of Brighton, Mich., and James Ward of New Port Richey, Fla.; a brother, Ronald Mortorff of Pleasant Lake; 13 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Steuben County, with the Rev. Susan Beckett officiating. Burial will be at Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling is 1-2 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to Hospice of Lenawee County or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Betty Weimer

FORT WAYNE — Betty J. Weimer, 78, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2001, at Parview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The Fort Wayne native was a telephone operator with General Electric for 20 years, retiring in 1982.

Surviving are three daughters, Tara L. Mitchell and Marla R. Timberlin, both of Hamilton, and Georgianne M. Sharp of Wolcottville; nine grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, George W. Weimer, in 1981, and a sister, Doris Bevington, in 1996.

Mass of Christian Burial is 10:30 a.m. Monday at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, 7215 St. Joe Road. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is 6-8 p.m. today and 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, and 9:45-10:30 a.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905.

Nayoma Conn

KIMMELL — Nayoma Samons Conn, 84, died at 3:25 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

The Kimmell woman was a member of the Church of Christ.

She was born Oct. 6, 1917, in Floyd County, Ky., to Grover Cleveland Samons and Virgie (Ackers) Samons.

Surviving are four sons, Clifford, Bernard, Archer and Clyde Conn; six daughters, Alta Sutton, Emma Lou Pemberton, Lola Feller, Ivalene Hall, Carol Crum and Sue Feller; a brother, Norman Samons, 31 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Gomer Conn, preceded her in death in 1990.

Services were Oct. 20 at Fall Funeral Home, Martin, Ky. Burial was at Click Cemetery, Martin.

Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, assisted with local arrangements.

Odra Bailey

KENDALLVILLE — Odra Mae Bailey, 78, died at 9:20 a.m. Friday, Oct. 26, 2001, at Hickory Creek of Kendallville nursing home where she had lived since 1998.

She was a telephone operator for Bell Telephone in Kendallville for 15 years and also worked for Lyall Electric and in the East Noble High School cafeteria.

She was born Oct. 21, 1923, in Kimmell to Homer and Blanche (Reed) Lawson. On March 15, 1941, in Cosperville, she married Harold Louis Bailey, who survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Robert Krock of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Debra Bailey of Avilla; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Roy and Betty Lawson of Auburn and Forrest Lawson of Fremont; a sister, Geneva Wagner of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Bobby Krock of Wolcottville, Kim March and Corey and Chad Bailey, all of Avilla and Kelly Pasztor of Rome City; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Sam Weimer, officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Brimfield.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Arthritis Foundation.

Mildred Manfroy

FORT WAYNE — Mildred F. (Loy) Manfroy, 90, died Friday, Oct. 26, 2001, at 3:30 a.m. in Riverbend Health Care Center.

Mrs. Manfroy was a secretarial and retail worker for L.S. Ayres. She lived in Fort Wayne and was a member of Immaculate Conception Church.

She was born Feb. 6, 1911, in Auburn to William H. and Lillie May (Goll) Loy.

Surviving her are a nephew, Warren Wiedenhoeft; two great-nephews and one great-great-niece.

There are no visitation hours or services. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

C.M. Sloan and Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

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Floyd Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Floyd L. Miller, 41, died at 11:18 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was brought there following a heart attack he suffered at LaGrange Community Hospital while working for Shipshewana Emergency Medical Services on an emergency call.

He lived all his life in the Shipshewana area. Previously a co-owner and operator of Raber Masonry, he was working at Heneyville Propane and a volunteer for the Shipshewana Fire Department and EMS.

He was born March 1, 1960, in Goshen to Levi D. and Ida (Raber) Miller, who survive in Shipshewana.

Also surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Edna and Lester E. Miller and Erma and Vernon Lambright, all of Shipshewana; three nephews, Dennis, James and Joel Miller; and two nieces, Wanita and Dora Miller.

Services are 1 p.m. Sunday at the Mrs. Melvin Eash residence, Shipshewana, with Bishop Homer Bontrager and the Revs. Glen Bontrager and Norman Yoder officiating. Burial will be at East Barren Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is all day today at his parents' home, 973 S. Van Buren St., Shipshewana.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home.

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Lou Van Gompel

KIMBERLY, Wis. — Mary Lou "Lou" Van Gompel, 73, died Friday, Oct. 26, 2001, surrounded by her family, after a three-year struggle with cancer.

She was born on Aug. 17, 1928, in Kimberly, the daughter of John and Sophie (Gunschevich) Lemmers.

Known for her fondness for learning new things, she learned to drive in her 40s and then took up golfing as a hobby. After she semiretired in 1995, she made daily jaunts to Countryside Golf Club in Kaukauna, where she was a long-time member.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Claire and Robert Killian of Sylacauga, Ala.; her brother and sister-in-law, Dean and Barb Lemmers of San Antonio, Texas; four daughters and two sons-in-law Amy Wall of Angola, Ind., JoAnn and Steve Hamilton of Angola, Ind.; Beth and Chad Schmidt of Cohasset, Mass.; and Meg Van Gompel of Madison, Wis.; two sons, Peter Van Gompel and Joel Van Gompel, both of Angola, Ind.; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her twin sister, Marion "Un" Ristau and her brothers, James Lemmers and Frank Lemmers.

Services will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday at St. Paul Catholic Church, 410 E. Wallace St., Combined Locks, Wis., with the Rev. Robert Vandenberg officiating.

Calling will take place at the church from 9:30 a.m. C.S.T. until the time of service.

Memorials are to the church.

Steven Miller

GOSHEN — Steven N. Miller, 32, of Goshen died 10:18 a.m. Friday, Oct. 26, 2001 at his residence on County Road 44 as the result of a house fire.

He worked as a laborer in manufacturing.

He was born Feb. 17, 1969, in Goshen, where he remained a lifelong resident. His parents are Noah and Katie (Miller) Miller and they both survive in Goshen.

Also surviving are five sisters and brothers-in-law: Sharon and Kenneth Stutzman of Shipshewana; Esther and Marvin Yoder of Millersburg; Mary and Dennis Yoder of Goshen; Rachel and Richard Fry of Topeka and Rosetta and Lloyd Schwartz of Middlebury; five brothers: Howard Miller of Constantine, Mich.; Wayne Miller of Shipshewana; Maynard Miller of Shipshewana; Larry Miller of Goshen and Lavern of Goshen; 19 nieces and 20 nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and one nephew.

Services will take place 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Mervin Hostetler residence, 62897 East County Line Road, Goshen, with home ministers presiding. Burial will take place at the southeast Clinton Cemetery in Millersburg.

Calling will take place after 2 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday at his parents' residence, 62707 East County Line Road, Goshen.

The Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Olivia Tackett

SHIPSHEWANA — Olivia "Ovie" Dee Tackett, 61, died 12:25 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, where she had been admitted Thursday.

She was a homemaker and had worked at the campground and restaurant at Eby Pines in Bristol.

She was born July 29, 1940, in Beefhide, Ky., the daughter of Odie and Laura (Lillo) Mullins.

On April 19, 1958, she married Jerry Neal Tackett in Levon, Va., and he survives.

In 1961, she moved to Indiana.

Also surviving are seven daughters and three sons-in-law: Laura and James Greensides of Bristol, Tina and Terry Knight of Goshen, Jerri Lynn and Bill Middleton of Butler, Katrina Tackett of Goshen and Olivia, Ashley and Jessica Tackett, all at home; five sons, Randy Tackett of Constantine, Mich., Rick Tackett of Fontana, Calif., Jeff Tackett of Shipshewana, Terry Tackett, whereabouts unknown, and Justin Tackett and Ryan Tackett at home; three sisters, Goldie Bates of Loraine, Ohio, Thelma Sisley of Tennessee, Nevelyn Kemp of Truth or Consequences, N.M.; and two brothers, Percy Mullins of White Pigeon, Mich., and Floyd Mullins of Ohio.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Libby Joe Tackett, and her parents.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at the River of Life Fellowship in Middlebury with the Rev. Nate Slabach presiding. Burial will take place in the Bonneyville Cemetery in Bristol.

Calling will take place 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to the family for medical and funeral expenses.

Area Deaths

DECATUR — **Alice M. McBride**, 77, died Friday. Services 10:30 a.m. Monday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, with calling one hour before services and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. today. Burial at Decatur Cemetery.

KIMMELL — **James A. Grimes**, 69, died Wednesday. No services. Calling from 2 to 4 p.m. today at Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home in Columbia City.

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — **Beatrice M. Conley**, 87, died Thursday. Services are 2 p.m. Monday at Brown Funeral Home, Paulding, with calling after 2 p.m. today and after 9 a.m. Monday. Burial at Bethel Cemetery in Paulding.

LA FONTAINE — **Oscar Summers**, 88, died Thursday. Services 3 p.m. today at Grandstaff-Hentgen Feneral Service, Roann Chapel, Roann. Calling was Saturday. Burial at Mississinewa Cemetery in Somerset.

PAULDING, Ohio — **LeRoy Lester Manley,** 84, of Paulding died Thursday. Services 11 a.m. Tuesday at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Calling 2-9 p.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday until services begin. Burial at Cooper Cemetery, Paulding.

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Gladwyn Forrester

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. — Gladwyn G. Forrester, 81, died Friday, Oct. 26, 2001, in the VA Hospital in Chicago.

Mr. Forrester was a retired loan officer at Citizens Bank with many years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard and a member of Woodmen of America.

He was born April 12, 1920, in Angola to E.B. and Maude (Shaver) Forrester.

He married Mary M. Langman on Dec. 1, 1944, in Angola. She died Nov. 6, 1997.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Lorraine Forrester, and Terry and Dorothy Forrester, all of Michigan City; three sisters, Leta Rogers and Violet Greenwalt, both of Angola, and Ilrene Sperry of Coldwater, Mich.; two brothers, Doyne Forrester of Fremont and Donald Forrester of Pleasant Lake; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

There will be no calling or services. Root Funeral Home of Michigan City is in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth Schroyer

HUDSON — Kenneth Arnold Schroyer, 82, of McClish Lake in Hudson died Saturday, Oct. 27, 2001, at 12:55 a.m. in Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mr. Schroyer

He was an equipment designer for International Harvester, retiring in 1982 after 30 years. He served in the Army in World War II, and he was a member of Kendallville Masonic Lodge 276, F.&A.M., the LaGrange Eastern Star Sylvan Chapter 251 and the Rome City American Legion Post 381.

He was born April 30, 1919, in Battle Creek, Mich., the son of Charles B. and Coral (Snyder) Schroyer.

He moved to Rome City in 1946, and in December 1996 he moved to McClish Lake.

He married Theressa Marguerite "Tess" Christel on March 26, 1943, in Tampa, Fla., and she died on April 7, 1993.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Michael Kennedy of Hudson, and one niece, Pamela Roy of Michigan.

A sister, Gwendelyn Slaght, preceded him in death.

Services will take place Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, with the Rev. Michael W. McKinney of Rome City United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with services by Masonic Lodge 276 at 7:30 p.m. and by LaGrange Eastern Star Sylvan Chapter 251 at 7:45 p.m.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's research.

Philip Straw

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Memorial services for Philip E. Straw, 59, of Vero Beach, Fla., will be held today at 1 p.m. in Stokes Chapel United Methodist Church in Montgomery.

Mr. Straw died Sept 27, 2001, in Indian River Memorial Hospital in Florida.

He was a draftsman for R.B.&W. Powdered Metal Products of Coldwater for 10 years. He moved to Vero Beach 13 years ago from Coldwater.

He was an 11-year volunteer at the Harbor Brand Oceanographic Institution in Fort Pierce, Fla., and received its Volunteer of the Year award in 1998. He was a member of the Vero Beach Amateur Radio Club.

He was born June 15, 1942, in Coldwater. His father and stepmother, William Cleaver Straw and Amy Straw, survive in Montgomery and his mother, Velma A. Straw, preceded him in death.

Surviving him are one son, Robert Straw of Angola; a sister, Dianae Rubley of Montgomery; two grandchildren, Shelby Straw of Angola and Joshua Kidd of Quincy, Mich.; and a companion, Sharon Unterkircher.

Memorials may be sent to West California Community Association, in care of its treasurer, 954 S. Fremont Road, Montgomery MI 49255.

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Orvas Beers, Retired GOP leader

FORT WAYNE — Noble County native Orvas E. Beers, 83, of Fort Wayne, a past Allen County Republican Party chairman for 32 years, died Sunday, Oct. 28, 2001, at home.

Born Aug. 11, 1918, the Wolf Lake High School graduate was a U.S. Army captain in World War II, and an attorney for Beers, Mallers, Backs & Salin Attorneys at Law for 32 years.

Mr. Beers, who retired in 1993, was one of the most powerful political leaders in northeastern Indiana in the 20th century. He is best known for reforming the state GOP in the 1960s with Marion County Republican chairman Keith Bulen, and for giving Dan Quayle his start in politics. Quayle won election to Congress in 1976, and went on to serve as junior U.S. senator from Indiana and vice president of the United States.

Mr. Beers was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. Surviving are his wife, Patricia M.; a son, Richard E. of Fort Wayne; stepsons Ernest H. Vogel IV of Dallas and Donald J. Vogel of Chicago; stepdaughters Janet Nahrwold of Fort Wayne and Peggy Armstrong of Ann Arbor, Mich.; a brother, Dale of Billings, Mont.; a sister, Edna DeBrular of Burke, Va.; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret H.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Episcopal Church, 611 W. Berry St., with calling from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb and Sons Funeral Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road.

Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County, Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice and SCAN Inc.

Lloyd Conrad

KENDALLVILLE — Lloyd M. Conrad, 75, died Monday, Oct. 29, 2001, at home.

Mr. Conrad

He was a truck driver for Beyers Wholesale Grocery in Kendallville, and also retired after 25 years from Jameson Heat Treat in Kendallville. A Marine Corps veteran of World War II, he earned the Purple Heart and participated in the occupation of Japan. He was a member of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville and enjoyed repairing antique clocks.

He was born June 18, 1926, in Fort Wayne to Arthur and Martha (Klinger) Conrad. On July 2, 1947, in Kendallville, he married Olive L. Hoffelder, and his wife survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Doug Brewer of Edon, Ohio, and Nancy and Ron Katt of Lawrenceburg, Tenn.; a son, Frederick Conrad of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a daughter-in-law, Paula Conrad of Kendallville; nine grandchildren, Ronda Smith, Amber Teschke, Dylan, Brett, Danny, Melissa and Paul Conrad, Tara Hale and Chris Rimmel; five great-grandchildren, Scarlet Teschke, Luke and Andy Conrad and Megan and Shane Smith; a brother, Russell Conrad of Florida; and five sisters, Virginia Scheurich of Kendallville; Alice Egolf of Ashley, Helen Bacheretti of Loraine, Ohio, and Luella Stabler and Judy Conrad, both of Fort Wayne.

A son, Danny Conrad, and a brother, Donald Conrad, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Thursday one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Jimmie Lewis Campbell

ARCO, Idaho — Jimmie Lewis Campbell, 67, died Oct. 1, 2001, at his home in Arco, Idaho.

He was born Oct. 8, 1934, in Noble County near Albion to Charley and Gertrude (Smith) Campbell. A graduate of Avilla High School, he participated in track and field sports. After serving the U.S. Army in Juneau, Alaska, he made his home there for 43 years. He worked on the Alaska pipeline, the Yukon River bridge, on a commercial fishing boat, in carpentry and in heavy equipment operation as foreman of the street department for the city and borough of Juneau. He also served as a mortician, and held one of the first mortician's licenses in the state. He retired in Arco, where he enjoyed horses, hunting, fishing, farming and motorcycle riding.

Surviving are his wife, Carole; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Colleen Campbell of Juneau, Cathy Walkotten of Weatherford, Texas, Shannon and Mike Pusich of Snoqualmie, Wash., and Patricia and Kenneth Marko of Corinth, Texas; two stepsons, Bryon Gutschmidt and his wife, of Juneau, and Bruce Gutschmidt of Seattle, Wash.; a brother, Harold Campbell, of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Ralph Stadtfeld of Albion; two more brothers-in-law; three sisters-in-law, one of Seattle, Helen Campbell of Auburn and Maxine Campbell of Paulinia, Iowa; eight grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A daughter, Christina, and three brothers, Gordon, Walter and Boyd Campbell, preceded him in death.

A memorial Mass was held Oct. 6 at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Arco.

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Wayne Donat

LIGONIER — Wayne W. Donat, 67, died Monday, Oct. 29, 2001 at St. Jospeh Medical Center, South Bend.

He had been employed in the maintenance department at Kidd & Co., retiring after 20 years of service. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, receiving the Purple Heart. He was a member of the West Noble American Legion Post and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was born March 17, 1934, in Mishawaka, to Rex and Maxine (Deter) Donat. On June 9, 1961, in Rome City, he married Nancy Taylor, and his wife survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Brenda Donat of Topeka and Darold & Linda Donat of Ligonieer; a sister, Sally M. Hoefle of Rome City; six grandchildren, Matt, Amber, Ryanne, Kelsey, Kyle and Paige Donat; and two nieces and a nephew.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Gene Troyer officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Berenice Maskow

HOWE — Berenice E. Maskow, 87, of Howe, died Saturday, Oct. 27, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

She was a homemaker and moved to Howe from Chicago in 1945. She was a member of Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe.

She was born Dec. 13, 1913, in Chicago to Fred and Mary Anna (Wax) Metzler. On March 16, 1934, in Chicago she married Laurence J. Maskow Sr., and he preceded her in death in September, 1972. She was also preceded in death by a son, David A. Maskow, in February, 1969, and her stepfather, Peter Klinger.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and Thomas Kline of Three Rivers, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Laurence J. Jr. and Beth Maskow and Thomas J. and Barb Maskow, all of Howe; a sister, Dorothy Croston of Mount Prospect, Ill.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Brighton Cemetery in Brighton, with Dr. Terry Timson officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe. Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

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Iola M. Jacobs

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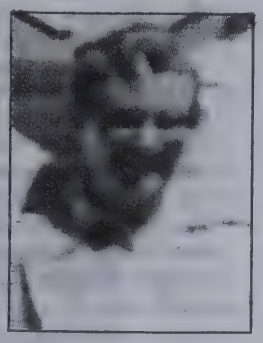

Iola M. Jacobs, 79, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor.

The DeKalb County native was a homemaker. Surviving are several nieces and nephews; and grand- and great-nieces and -nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard C., and a stepson, Howard A. Services are 2 p.m. Friday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., with calling one hour before services. Burial will be at Highland Park Cemetery.

Information provided by C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327N. Wells St., 422-4232.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2001

Dorothy A. Coney

LAGRANGE — Dorothy A. Coney, 89, died Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2001, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

A homemaker, she lived in LaGrange County her entire life. She was a member of Lake Bethel Mennonite Church in LaGrange.

She was born Feb. 14, 1912, in LaGrange County, to Shirley and Sylvia (Cannon) Parr. On April 13, 1935, in Waterloo, she married Otho D. Coney, and he preceded her in death Feb. 5, 1986. A brother, Donald Parr, is also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Dennis Ryan of Howe; a son and daughter-in-law, Doyle and Pat Coney of LaGrange; three brothers, Dale Parr of Ashley, Gerald Parr of Hobart and Merritt Parr of Indian River, Mich.; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Lewis B. Miller officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Food & Clothes Basket.

Karl Reinking

DECATUR — Karl W. Reinking, 85, died Monday, Oct. 29, 2001, at 11:20 a.m. in Woodcrest Nursing Center. He had been in failing health for the past several years.

Mr. Reinking was a supervisor at Wayne Novelty for about 50 years. He was a lifelong resident of Adams County.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Decatur, where he was director of the adult and men's choirs. He was a member of the Decatur Circuit of the Lutheran Chorale and a 30-year member of the Mennonite Choral Society. He was a member of the Lutheran Laymen's League, and a former member of the G.E. Choir. He also sang at many weddings.

He was born March 9, 1916, in Adams County to Gerhard and Lillie (Steele) Reinking.

He married Eileen E. Bleeke on Dec. 5, 1943, in Immanuel Lutheran Church in Decatur, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and two sons-in-law, Janet and David Heimann of Decatur, and Kathryn A. and Craig Smith of Waterloo; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Larry K. and Caroline Reinking of Decatur and William C. Reinking of New York City; one sister, Alice Doeden of Bradenton, Fla.; five grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one stepgreat-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Olga Rose and Selma Scholes, and two brothers, Paul and Edwin Reinking.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in Zion Lutheran Church, Decatur, with calling there after 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Donald W. Biester will officiate. Burial will be in the Decatur Cemetery.

Additional calling is today from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to zwickjahn.com.

Francis Stewart

ANGOLA — Francis C. Stewart, 74, of Roseville, Calif., died Sunday, Oct. 28, 2001, in Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola, after an auto accident near Angola.

Mr. Stewart was a supervisory engineer for the Army Security Agency for 30 years. He earned his undergraduate degree from George Washington University and his master's degree in aeronautical engineering from the University of Southern California.

He was a veteran of the Merchant Marines.

He was born June 10, 1927, to James and Barbara (Schueren) Stewart.

He married Kathryn (Mauser) Stewart on Nov. 17, 1956, and she survives.

Also surviving are one brother, William Stewart of Springfield, Ill.; and four sisters, Ann Gregonis of Jessup, Md., Elizabeth Remaley of Ashland, Pa., Grace Mehallow of O'Fallon, Ill., and Rose Bogikes of Alexandria, Va.

One sister, Ethel Leibig, preceded him in death.

Services are pending. Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Kaleb Wogoman

ANGOLA — Kaleb Grantley Wogoman, 3 months old, died Monday, Oct. 29, 2001, in Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

He was born July 25, 2001, in Angola to Grant and Tracey (Shawver) Wogoman. They survive in Angola.

Also surviving are one brother, Isaac Shawver of Angola; his maternal grandparents, Chris Shawver of Fremont and Doug Shawver of Angola; his paternal grandparents, Violet and Bernard Wogoman Jr. of Angola; his great-grandparents, Heber and Suzanne Shumaker of Angola, Janet and Edward Shawver of Angola, and Topsy Gibson of Hazard County, Ky.; his great-great-grandparents, A.C. Bellinger of Orland and Dorothy Shawver of Pleasant Lake; and three uncles, Richard Shawver, Bernard W. Wogoman III and Johnny Wogoman, all of Angola.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Kenneth Binkley officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Friday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Gwendolyn Golden

ANGOLA — Gwendolyn A. Golden, 87, died Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2001, at Carlin Park Health Care Center, Angola.

Mrs. Golden was a homemaker. She lived in Angola for 12 years, after moving from Kinderhook, Mich.

She was born Sept. 10, 1914, in Fort Wayne to Clem and Madeline (Rupp) Elberson.

She married Harry M. Golden on June 28, 1936. He died in 1988.

Surviving are one daughter, Charleen Bradburn of Angola; a half-brother, Ronald Elberson of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Mark Bradburn of Angola, Jay and Barry Bradburn of Franklin, N.C., Jeffrey Bradburn of Bryson, N.C., Penny Moore, also of Franklin, N.C., and Tracy Fletcher of Toledo, Ohio; and six great-grandchildren.

A sister, Vivian Newhart, preceded her in death in 1986.

Memorial services are pending. Ronald Elberson will officiate. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Alzheimer's Support Group.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

George Cherry

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — George R. Cherry, 81, died Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2001, at 3:30 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cherry worked as a writer-columnist for the News-Tribune in Hicksville and was Hicksville's mayor for 12 years. He was a member of the Ohio Mayor's Association, a member and past president of the Hicksville Rotary Club, and a member of the Hicksville Chamber of Commerce and Eagles.

He was Hicksville's 1996 Citizen of the Year, a member of the Hicksville Grace United Methodist Church and head of Defiance County Litter Control.

Mr. Cherry graduated from Greensburg High School with the Class of 1938. He attended Indiana University, lettering in basketball and baseball, and graduated from Butler University. He later taught in Butler and Huntertown and was a basketball coach.

In 1962, he moved to Hicksville, where he was the Hicksville High School athletic director, coaching basketball and golf. He retired from the high school staff in 1981.

He was born in Greensburg, Ind., on Aug. 7, 1920, to Alpha and Nora (Favors) Cherry.

He married Maxine Haver in February of 1984. She survives in Hicksville.

Also surviving are one son, Craig Cherry of Richardson, Texas; two daughters, Christy Albright of Hartland, Mich., and Caril Lucas of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Larry Haver and Barry Haver, both of Hicksville; nine grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren and five great-grandchildren; one brother, William Cherry of Florida; one sister, Martha Hoffman of Indianapolis; one half-brother, James Cuskaden of Greensburg; and one half-sister, Margie Black of Greensburg.

One brother, Robert Cherry, and one sister, Margorie Vandever, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Grace United Brethren Church at Hicksville, with the Rev. Greg Inboden officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is Friday after 2 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, and Saturday after 9 a.m. at the church

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio, Defiance County Chapter.

Robert George

WOLCOTTVILLE — Robert H. George, 71, of Wolcottville, died Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2001, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

A lifelong area resident, he was owner-operator of George's Restaurant in Wolcottville for 35 years. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, and was a member of the Wolcottville American Legion. He also served as an advisory board member for Johnson Township in LaGrange County.

He was born March 29, 1930, in Wolcottville, to Glen and Cletus (Trak) George.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Randy Fry of LaGrange; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Jeanne Sprunger of LaGrange and Jeffrey and Masako Sprunger of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and a sister, Irene Barnes of LaGrange.

A sister, Lucille George, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Wolcottville United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Mike Tatman officiating. Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, and one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Memorials are to the Wolcottville Fire Department.

Donald Twitchell

ORLAND — Donald Dean Twitchell, 73, died Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Twitchell was a tool-and-die maker for 32 years at Dometic (Duo-Therm) in LaGrange and for 12 years at Wade Electric in Sturgis, Mich. He lived in Orland.

He was born March 11, 1928, in Jackson Township, Steuben County, to Robert E. Twitchell Sr. and Alta Jenny (Kelso) Twitchell.

He married Dorothy E. Bachelor on June 27, 1948, in Nevada Mills United Methodist Church in Steuben County. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and William Glasgow of Parkman, Ohio; one son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Debra Twitchell of Angola; one sister, Joan Emerick of Angola; and four grandchildren, Ryan Glasgow of San Diego, Calif., Jennifer Glasgow of Seattle, Wash., Carrie Twitchell of Valparaiso, and Cole Twitchell of Angola.

Two brothers, Robert E. Twitchell Jr. and Roland Twitchell, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Nevada Mills United Methodist Church , 4710 W. Bachelor Road, Angola IN 46703 or the Orland Fire Department, P.O. Box. 445, Orland IN 46776.

James Houser

NORTH FORT MYERS, Fla. — James A. "Jim" Houser, 86, died Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2001, at Lee Memorial Health System in Fort Myers, Fla.

Mr. Houser owned and operated a resort at Houghton Lake, Mich. He moved to Houghton Lake in 1957 from DeKalb County, then moved to Fort Myers in 1972.

He was a member of North Fort Myers United Methodist Church, Scottish Rite of Bay City, Mich., Araba Shrine Temple of Fort Myers, and Mallet Club of Michigan.

Mr. Houser was a life member of the Huntertown Masonic Lodge, and the Elks Lodge of Fort Myers and White Shrine of Jerusalem in Houghton Lake. He was a past patron of the Order of Eastern Star in Houghton Lake.

He was born March 15, 1915, in Auburn to Loyd and Jennie (Kelham) Houser.

Surviving are his wife of 67 years, Louise (Squier) Houser; two sons, Larry Houser of North Fort Myers, Fla., and James Houser of Knoxville, Tenn.; one sister, Ruth Lee of Auburn; nine grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Five brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the North Fort Myers United Methodist Church, 81 Pondella Road, North Fort Myers FL 33903.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Wayne Carsten

ANGOLA — Wayne Carsten, 85, died Wednesday evening, Oct. 31, 2001, at Muncie Health and Rehabilitation Center after a brief illness.

Mr. Carsten retired in 1968 from farming in Wayne Township, Allen County, and had owned and operated Carsten Gravel Co. from 1962 to 1964. He worked for General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for 8 1/2 years.

He lived in Waynedale until 1982, after which he spent summers at Jimmerson Lake and winters in Fort Myers, Fla.

He was a member of Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Roanoke Masonic Lodge 1495 F.& A.M., the Fort Wayne Eagles Lodge, and the Elks and Moose lodges in Angola.

He was born May 14, 1916, in Wayne Township, Allen County, to John and Carrie (Clausen) Carsten.

He married Doris Marie Robinson on April 16, 1938. She died May 24, 2000.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, John and Mary Jane Carsten of Fort Wayne; one daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Ron Penrod of Muncie; two brothers, Floyd Carsten of Fort Wayne and Otto Carsten of Fort Myers, Fla.; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Covington Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Pastor Donald Kleinschmidt will officiate. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from noon until 2 p.m. in Covington Memorial Gardens Funeral Home.

The Portland Chapel of Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth Winstead

HUNTERTOWN — Kenneth R. Winstead, 66, a resident of rural Fort Wayne near Huntertown, died Thursday, Nov. 1, 2001, at home.

Mr. Winstead

He was employed at Pyramid Rubber in Ravenna, Ohio, and then with Norfolk and Southern Railroad in Allen County, retiring in 1990 after 15 years. He was a member of the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene. He enjoyed his family and his country home.

He was born Dec. 18, 1934, in Big Stone Gap, Va., to Reed and Willie (Gambille) Winstead. He moved to Virgie, Ky., with his parents and graduated from Virgie High School in 1953. On July 20, 1965, in Big Stone Gap, he married Barbara Robinson, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Carolyn Horn of Kent, Ohio, Kolette Frazier of Huntertown and Kenna and Chad Thurston of Fort Wayne; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Margaret and Jack Cook of Rogersville, Tenn., Blanche Adkins of Ashland, Ky., Charlotte and Terry Price of Louisville, Ky., and Mary Childers of Lexington, Ky.; a brother and sister-in-law, Herbert and Loretta Winstead of Pikeville, Ky.; six grandchilden; and six great-grandchildren.

Five brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. Paul D. White officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 6-8 p.m. and Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco. Calling will also be held one hour before the service at the church on Monday. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church or Allen County Cancer Services. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Marshall Fields

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Marshall J. Fields, 84, died Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2001, at 5:10 p.m. in Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Hicksville. He had resided there since January.

Mr. Fields retired from International Harvester in Fort Wayne in 1979 after almost 30 years of service. He was a World War II veteran and member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Hicksville. He graduated from Antwerp High School in 1936.

He was born Jan. 30, 1917, in Antwerp, Ohio, to A.D. and Georgetta (Crothers) Fields.

He married Ethel Smalley on Oct. 25, 1947, in Paulding County, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Beth Marihugh and Wanda Rohrs, both of Hicksville, Susan Cope of Angola, and Marsha Williams of Taccoa Falls, Ga.; one son, Michael Fields of Hicksville, 14 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with the Rev. Robert Knapp officiating. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp, with military services by the Hicksville posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling is Sunday after 3 p.m. and Monday after 8 a.m. in the funeral home. Memorials are to the Heimach Senior Center in Auburn.

Ruth Gramling

ASHLEY — Ruth A. Gramling, 88, died Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2001, in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Gramling was a homemaker and taught home economics and physical education at Salem and Flint high schools and at Orland High School for five years.

She was a member of the Hudson Evangelicial United Brethren Church, and worked as a proofreader at Moore's Business Forms for 12 years.

She graduated from Ashley High School in 1930, and from Manchester College and Ball State College in 1935.

She was born Nov. 11, 1912, in DeKalb County to Samuel LeRoy and Effie (Slabaugh) Kanaga.

She married Byron Gramling on July 15, 1939. He died Oct. 18, 1981.

Surviving are one son, John Gramling of Ashley; three daughters, Chloe Haynes of Garrett, Gail Barnard of Saline, Mich., and Rebecca Erwin of Glen Burnie, Md; one brother, Ralph Kanaga of Ashley; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with Brad Miller officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Infant Eash

LAGRANGE — A son was stillborn to LaGrange residents Orla F. and Elma M. (Schlabach) Eash at LaGrange Community Hospital on Thursday, Nov. 1, 2001.

Surviving are four sisters, Marilyn, Ruth, LaVerda and Erma Eash, all at home; five brothers, DeWayne, Devon, Merle, Kenneth and Orla, Jr., all at home; and grandparents Melvin and Ida Mae Schlabach and Wanetia Eash, all of LaGrange.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Miller Cemetery in LaGrange, with Bishop LeRoy Troyer of the Old Order Amish Church officiating. There will be no calling. Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Pearl Hantz

ANGOLA — Pearl Olive Hantz, 93, died Thursday, Nov. 1, 2001, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Hantz was a housekeeper and a homemaker. She lived in Angola and was a member of North Scott Christian Church in Steuben County.

She was born Sept. 29, 1908, in Scott County, Ind., to Delmar and Inez (Corwin) Perry.

She married Clarence Hantz on Sept. 7, 1934. He died in 1984.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Marion Lee "Mike" and Pam Hantz of Angola; two daughters and one son-in-law, Lula Mae and Dale Mertz of Berne, and Irene Hantz of Angola; three sisters, Alice Adams of Crossville, Tenn., Eva Rummel of Edon, Ohio, and Fay Waltmire of Pleasant Lake; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Three sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. James Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Saturday from 3-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the North Scott Christian Church.

Timothy Lynn Ridenour

ANGOLA — Timothy Lynn Ridenour, 43 of Atlanta, Ga., died Oct. 22, 2001.

He was born Dec. 12, 1957, in Angola, and graduated from Angola High School in 1976.

Surviving are his parents, Roy and Janice Ridenour of Fremont; three brothers, Ripley of Jacksonville, Fla., and Jeff and Guy, both of Angola; his grandmothers, Mary Bromagen of Bryan, Ohio, and Willow Mae Hammond of Coldwater, Mich.; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Grace Baptist Church, 925 N. 200W, Angola.

M. Robertine Dick, O.S.F.

AVILLE — Sister Mary Robertine Dick, Order of St. Francis (O.S.F.), 91, died Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2001, in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

A religious teacher and Franciscan nun for 42 years, she taught in schools in Illinois, California and Garrett.

She was born Dec. 30, 1909, in Ferguson, S.C., to L. Reese Hammond and Elizabeth Loretta (Niel) Dick.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home Chapel in Avilla, with the Rev. Daniel Leeuw officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Home Cemetery.

Calling is after 2 p.m. today at Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Memorials in lieu of flowers are to Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Retirement Fund, 9201 E. St. Francis Road, Frankfort, IL 60423-8335. Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla is in charge of arrangements.

Leonard Ott

LEESBURG — Leonard Edwin Ott, 72, died Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2001.

Mr. Ott was a retired aerospace engineer and a native of Angola. He moved to Leesburg in 1994 from Mobile, Ala.

He was a Protestant, a member of Disabled American Veterans, the National Retired Officers Association and Lake County ROA. He served in the U.S. Air Force.

Surviving are his wife, Ann, in Leesburg; two sons, Thomas of Tampa, Fla., and Jeffrey of Indianapolis; one brother, Thomas of Merritt Island, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

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Dorothy Velkoff

HEMET, Calif. — Dorothy M. Velkoff, 82, of Hemet, died Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2001, in Hemet Valley Medical Center.

Mrs. Velkoff was a homemaker. She had lived in Hemet for the past 18 years after moving from Angola, where she lived for 22 years before leaving in 1983.

She enjoyed reading, antiques, cats, cooking and shopping.

She was born June 20, 1919, in Louisville, Ky., to Thomas and Mamie (Raible) Flahive.

She married Dr. Metodi Velkoff on Oct. 3, 1943. He died Oct. 10, 1968.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Metodi and Beth Velkoff of Elkhart and Mark Velkoff of Waterloo; three daughters and a son-in-law, Jacqueline Velkoff of Hemet, Victoria and James Gorman of Palo Alto, Calif., and Dr. Michelle Velkoff of Denver; four grandchildren, Nicole and Brandon of Angola, Janelle of Elkhart and Colin Gorman of Little Rock, Ark.; nieces and nephews and her caregivers, Connie, Mary, June, Rosie and Beth of Hemet.

One sister and four brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola. Father Fred Pasche will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, where a prayer service will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, the Alzheimer's Association or the Steuben County Animal Shelter.

Robert Stevens

HUDSON, Ohio — Graveside services for Robert Wilson Stevens, 88, will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Mr. Stevens was a senior partner in the law firm of Jones, Day, Reavis and Pogue, and in charge of the firm's pension plan division. He joined the firm upon graduation and retired in 1979.

He graduated summa cum laude from DePauw University and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He also was a member of Blue Key, Pi Sigma Alpha and Kappa Tau Kappa. He was class president his first two years at Columbia Law School and an editor on the Columbia Law Review.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. He lived in Laurel Lake Retirement Community in Hudson, Ohio. He enjoyed sailing, handball, volleyball and gardening.

Mr. Stevens was born Dec. 17, 1912, in Portland, Ore.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Lucille (Smock) Stevens; one son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey Wilson and Christine Stevens of Mission Viejo, Calif.; one daughter, Sandra Grace Stevens of Shaker Heights, Ohio; a sister, Miriam L. Brokaw of Angola; four grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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Chester Myers

CHURUBUSCO — Chester E. Myers, 70, of Churubusco died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2001, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Myers retired in 1986 from Renner's Express in Fort Wayne, where he had been an auto and truck mechanic for 20 years. During the early 1950s, he served with the U.S. Army.

He was a member of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco. In his leisure time, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, tractor-pulling and playing cards.

Mr. Myers was born on June 2, 1931 to Chester Franklin and Loretta Allgier Myers.

He married Nancy Gordon on Oct. 16, 1954.

Mr. Myers is survived by his wife Nancy, two daughters and sons-in law Cathy and Ned Egolf and Lisa and Mark Boggs, all of Churubusco; two sons and daughters-in-law, Steven E. and Julie Myers and John and Laura Myers, all of Churubusco. Also surviving are two sisters, Betty Hall of Waynedale and Colleen Statler of Wolf Lake; brother William Myers of Fort Wayne; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Judy Myers of Fort Wayne, Don and Sandy Myers of LaOtto and Jim and Rose Myers of Waco, Texas. He also has 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs of the Churubusco United Methodist Church officiating.

Calling hours will be at the mortuary Monday from 4 to 8 p.m.

He will be buried in the Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Memorials are to the Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Bennie Bolen

AUBURN — Bennie Bolen, 60, of Auburn died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2001, at his home.

Mr. Bolen retired in August from Hanson Building Materials in Fort Wayne, where he had worked as a driller for 35 years.

He was born in Handshoe, Kentucky to Troy and Elsie Bolen. He married Edith (Howard) Bolen in Kentucky on April 9, 1966. She survives.

Also surviving are sons Matthew Bolen and Aaron Bolen, both of Auburn; one brother, Jackie Bolen of Garrett; and four sisters, Trilby Collins, Lillie Shepherd, Devottis Crager and Shirley Clay, all of Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by one son, Bennie David Bolen, one sister and one brother.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at Hall Brothers Funeral Home in Martin, Kentucky. Calling will be held today from 4 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, and Tuesday from 3 to 10 p.m. in Kentucky.

Mr. Bolen will be buried at Chaffins Cemetery in Rockfork, Kentucky.

Kay Cook

ANGOLA — Kay Cook, 58, of Indianapolis died Thursday, Nov. 1, 2001, at her home.

She graduated from Angola High School and spent her life as a homemaker.

Mrs. Cook is survived by her husband, Ronald E. Cook, a son, Lance Cook, a daughter, Rhonda Tabacchi, and a sister, Theresa Kenyon. She also has four grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel. Visitation will be held at the chapel today from 4 to 8 p.m.

Mrs. Cook will be buried at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to the donor's favorite charity.

Robert Betts

ANGOLA — Robert Lee (Bob) Betts, 25, of Angola died Friday, Nov. 2, 2001, after a car accident in Steuben County.

Mr. Betts worked as a welder for Royal Arc in Ashley.

He was born on Dec. 16, 1975 in Auburn to Jeff and Sherry (Buttermore) Betts of Ashley.

Betts is survived by his wife, Tanya (Conway) Betts of Angola. He also has three sons, Dalton, Brant and Tye Betts. Also surviving are one brother, Josh Betts of Butler; a brother and sister-in-law, Brian and Sheilah Betts of Ashley; grandparents Sarah and James Betts of Wolcottville, Virginia Buttermore of Kendallville, mother-in-law Jane Conway of Angola and three nieces, Dahnay and Hailey Gump and Madyson Betts.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents Jerry and Shirley Buttermore and his uncle Brad Buttermore.

Services will be held at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo on Tuesday at 2 p.m. Calling hours are on Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Betts will be buried at Butler Cemetery in Butler.

Memorials are to a trust for his children through the First National Bank of Fremont.

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WOODBURN — **Nellie A. Johnson**, 79, of Woodburn died Thursday. Services are at 11 a.m. Monday at Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home, 529 Jeferson Avenue in Defiance, Ohio. Calling will be at the funeral home from 2 to 8 p.m. today. Burial will be at Riverview Memory Gardens in Defiance.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Bruce W. Barrett**, 61, of Loon Lake near Columbia City died Thursday. Services are at 3 p.m. today at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Alma Louise Eiler**, 80, of Columbia City died Friday. Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City, with calling from 4 to 7 p.m. today. Burial will be at Adams Cemetery in Whitley County.

PIERCETON — **Allen Burkett**, 86, of Pierceton died Friday. Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel in Pierceton, with calling from 2 to 6 p.m. today. Burial will be at Washington Union Cemetery.

WARSAW— **David Aaron Bornes**, 38, of Warsaw died Thursday. Services are 2 p.m. Monday at Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw, with calling one hour before services.

WARSAW — **Kenneth A. Litton**, 78, of Warsaw died Thursday. Services will be held 10 a.m. Monday at Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw. Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

ELDRIDGE, IA — **Cathryn Harter Poinsett**, 49, of Eldridge, Iowa and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, Oct. 9. Services were held Oct. 14 at River of Life Church in Bettenford, Iowa.

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Robert Sams

AUBURN — Robert T. Sams, 65, died Sunday, Nov. 4, 2001, at Oak Meadows Learning Center in Auburn.

He was born July 11, 1936 in LaGrange County.

Surviving is his guardian, Demaris Jordan of Garrett.

Services were held today at 2 p.m. in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn, with Wayne Openlander officiating.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Harland Vogts

FORT WAYNE — Harland L. "Bud" Vogts, 73, died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2001, at his home.

Mr. Vogts was a plasterer with C.D. Stiffler in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1994. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a lifetime Fort Wayne resident.

He was born Nov. 3, 1928, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are five daughters, Vickie A. Meyers of Huntertown, Barbara Vogts and Roberta Vogts, both of Garrett, Susan Powell of Fort Wayne, and Sandra Copper-Jansen of Parma, Ohio; one sister, Dorothy Neely of Fort Wayne; one brother, Charles Ray Vogts of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Dupont Road. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Edna Hochstetler

SHIPSHEWANA — Edna J. Hochstetler, 88, died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2001, at home.

A homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church, she lived in the area all her life.

She was born May 28, 1913, in Shipshewana, to Jonas I. and Lydia (Troyer) Weaver. On Feb. 1, 1940, in LaGrange, she married Amos W. Hochstetler, and he preceded her in death on May 11, 1983.

Surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Esther and Tobias Miller and Erma and Richard Bontrager, all of LaGrange, and Wilma and LeRoy Hershberger, Irene and LeRoy Miller and Sara Mae Hochstetler, all of Shipshewana; a son and daughter-in-law, William and Rosa Hochstetler of LaGrange; 42 grandchildren; and 101 great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, Jonas, Levi and Dave Weaver, and four sisters, Rebecca Miller, Sarah Troyer, Millie Miller and Fannie Mast, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Ervin Bontrager residence on County Road 450-North, Shipshewana, with Bishop Erwin C. Miller, the Rev. Sam Yoder, the Rev. Ervin Bontrager and the Rev. Harvey Stutzman Jr. officiating. Calling will be after noon today and all day Tuesday at the family residence. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Hilding Blessing

FORT WAYNE — Hilding D. Blessing, 93, a native of Lake Township in Allen County and a resident of the Waynedale area for many years, died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2001, at the Ossian Health and Rehabilitation Center in Ossian.

He was an inspector for International Harvester in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1971 after 30 years of service. He also owned and operated a television repair shop for several years in his home. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Asiatic-Pacific theater. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church — Lake Township.

He was born Feb. 1, 1908, on the family farm in Lake Township to William and Mary Blessing.

Surviving are a sister, Astrid "Marie" McNeal of Ossian, with whom he lived; and four nephews and their three wives, Robert and Norma Blessing of St. Augustine, Fla., Leroy E. and Edna Blessing of Howie in the Hills, Fla., Jim and Ann Blessing of Huntertown and John McNeal of Ossian.

A brother, Douglas Blessing, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Ralph Easterhaus of St. John's Lutheran Church — Lake Township officiating. Calling will be one hour before services. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery in Allen County.

Memorials are to the church or a charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Walter Hertel

AVILLA — Walter M. Hertel, 92, died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2001, in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mr. Hertel was a meat cutter at Seagley's in Ashley and at Gay's Supermarket in Angola from 1972 to 1987. He was the owner of 69 Restaurant and General Store in Ashley from 1942 to 1972. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola.

He was born May 27, 1909, in Milwaukee, Wis., to Adam and Elizabeth (Greenwald) Hertel.

He married Wava D. Haggard on Nov. 21, 1936. She died Feb. 25, 1981.

Surviving are one son, Charles Hertel of Fort Wayne; one great-niece, Susan Rhinesmith of Howe; two great-great-nieces, Toni McLain and Tina Witham; three grandchildren, Christopher Hertel, Tobie Raderstorf and Jewell Sutton; 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Two brothers, Herbert and Victor Hertel, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, with calling after 9 a.m. Father Daniel Leeuw will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2001

Glenn Habegger

FORT WAYNE — Glenn B. Habegger, 79, died Monday, Nov. 5, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He retired from M.W. Habegger Construction after 22 years, and Habegger Siding & Construction after eight years. He also worked part-time at Wal-Mart. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a member of the Kendallville Church of the Nazarene and attended Grace Point Church of the Nazarene in Fort Wayne.

He was born July 28, 1922, in Adams County, to Homer W. and Tillie (Yoder) Habegger. On Nov. 9, 1944, in Decatur, he married Elvira M. Ward, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Ronald G. Habegger of Crete, Ill., Leon P. Habegger of Newark, Ohio, and Farrel B. Habegger of Fort Wayne; a brother, Merlin Habegger, of Berne; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Treva Wiederkehr and Vernelle Zurcher, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Grace Point Church of the Nazarene, 8611 Mayhew Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Virgil Mills officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur and one hour before services Thursday at the church. Burial will be in M.R.E. Cemetery in rural Berne, with military rites by Adams American Legion Post 43.

Memorials are to World Missions of the Church of the Nazarene, through Grace Point Church of the Nazarene. Condolences may be e-mailed to zwickjahn.com.

Paul Sturgis Sr.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Paul C. Sturgis Sr., 89, died Monday, Nov. 5, 2001, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mr. Sturgis

A lifelong LaGrange County resident, he had retired as a tool and die maker for Flint & Walling Manufacturing in Kendallville. He was a member of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

He was born June 24, 1912, in LaGrange County, to Franklin and Arilda (Myers) Sturgis. On July 11, 1936, in Kendallville, he married Olive M. Hahn, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Paul C. Jr. and Shirley Sturgis of Macomb, Mich.; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

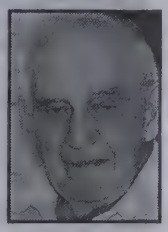
A son, William C. Sturgis, preceded him in death in November, 1997. Three brothers, Lyston, Darrell and Vern Sturgis, and a sister, Hilda Henke, are also deceased.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Mike Tatman officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Harold Poppy

KENDALLVILLE — Harold S. Poppy, 94, a lifelong Kendallville resident, died Monday, Nov. 5, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital.


Mr. Poppy

A dairy farmer all his life, he was a member of the Noble County Farm Bureau. He attended all Noble County Fairs and was a grand marshal of the fair in 1999. He had attended the former Mitchell Street United Methodist Church, and was a present member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville. He enjoyed East Noble High School basketball and baseball.

He was born April 10, 1907, on the Poppy homestead to Charles and Effie (Sawyer) Poppy. On Dec. 17, 1931, in Angola, he married L. Arleen Foster, and she preceded him in death on Jan. 17, 1993.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Larry Poppy and Lenard and Joann Poppy, all of Kendallville; a foster child, Wanda Fordeck of Avilla; and three grandchildren, Jason and Aaron Poppy of Kendallville and Kristen Poppy of Speedwell, Tenn.

Two sisters, Hazel Stroman and Luella Newnam, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church or the Barberton, Ohio, Rescue Mission.

Evening Star

Keith Fry

AUBURN — Keith O. Fry, 72, died Monday, Nov. 5, 2001, in his home in Auburn.

Mr. Fry had been employed at Phelps Dodge in Fort Wayne. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict and a member of Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

He was born May 4, 1929, in Maples, Ind., to Harvey A. and Mary E. (Ellis) Fry. His father survives.

Also surviving are his wife, Maxine M. (Yoder) Fry; two sons, Kevin W. Fry of Fort Wayne and Lynn E. Fry of Auburn; one brother, Wade E. Fry of Fort Wayne; one sister, Gloria Emenhiser of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Danielle and Tyler Fry.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Barbara Cross officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is today from 3-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Concord United Methodist Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Katherine M. Coyle

N-S Nov. 6, '01

Warren – 1908-2001

Katherine M. Coyle, 93, of Warren, a member of Tri Kappa sorority, died Friday, Nov. 2, 2001, at home.

The Garrett native was a homemaker, and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Huntington and Kappa Alpha Kheta sorority. Surviving are a daughter, Cynthia Brumbaugh of Syracuse; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth F., and a daughter, Connie Emison. Memorial services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity United Methodist Church, Huntington. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Huntington. Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Information provided by Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington, 1-219-356-1710.

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Eugene Ley

MEDFORD, Ore. — Eugene E. Ley, 89, died Monday, Oct. 22, 2001, at Providence Medford Medical Center, Medford, Ore.

A Kendallville High School graduate, he served in the South Pacific and Australia in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Medford, and prior to that was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Kendallville.

He was born April 25, 1912, in Kendallville to Edward C. and Mary (Weaver) Ley. On May 9, 1959, he married Marion Winningham, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Ken Wymer, and a granddaughter, Jamie, of Tacoma, Wash.; two sisters, Virginia Wilondek of Kendallville and Margaret McMarrell; and many stepchildren, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Hillcrest Memorial Park in Medford.

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Anthony Ranney

AUBURN — Anthony Lynn "Tony" Ranney, 50, died Monday, Nov. 5, 2001, at his Auburn home.

Mr. Ranney was a former employee of Squier Sawmill in Waterloo. He lived in Auburn and was a member of New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo.

He was born Feb. 3, 1951, in Auburn to Carl L.G. and Virginia (Mohr) Ranney. His mother survives in Auburn and his father preceded him in death.

Also surviving him are one sister, Pamela S. Laughlin of Topeka; one brother, Jerry L. Ranney of Fort Wayne; and four nephews, Scott, David, Brian and Tim Ranney.

Services will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, with calling from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to the family, in care of Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo IN 46793.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Nondis Lash

BLUFFTON — Nondis J. Lash, 81, died Monday, Nov. 5, 2001, at 3:35 p.m. in Meadowvale Care Center, Bluffton.

Mrs. Lash was a cook at Lancaster School for 20 years. She lived in Bluffton and was a member of the First Church of Christ.

She was born June 8, 1920, in Wells County to Orlo and Hattie (Wasson) Harshman.

She married Kenneth Stahl on Dec. 17, 1938, in Linn Grove and he died Feb. 6, 1956.

She married Robert A. Lash on Dec. 27, 1958, and he died March 2, 1978.

Surviving are two sons, Roger V. Stahl of Bluffton and Dale Stahl of Hoagland; one daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Stephen Johnson of Auburn; four brothers, Paul Harshman of Bluffton, John Harshman of Anderson, Norman Harshman of Detroit, and Ronald Harshman of Lafayette; one sister, Ellen Tarr of Dunkirk; 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Londa Gerber, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton, with Mark Dauterman officiating. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton.

Calling is today from 2-9 p.m. in Goodwin Memorial Chapel.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ Building Fund.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2001

Earl Miller

FORT WAYNE — Earl "Ike" Miller, 72, died Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2001, in Beverly Rehab & Specialty Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Born in Spencerville, Mr. Miller was a graduate of Leo High School. He retired from Dana Corp. in 1980 after 30 years of service.

Surviving are one daughter, Mary Swartz of Fort Wayne, one son, Larry Miller of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in White City Cemetery at Spencerville.

Calling is Friday from noon to 2 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

George Smith

BUTLER — George C. Smith Sr., 64, died Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2001, at 12:24 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Smith was a self-employed roofer and lived in Butler. He had served in the U.S. Navy.

He was born Dec. 24, 1936, in Orlando, Fla., to Fred M. and Annie O. (Daniels) Smith.

He married Virginia A. Tyler on Feb. 23, 1956, in Orlando. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Forrest D. Smith and George C. Smith Jr., both of Edgewater, Fla., and James M. Smith of Gatlinburg, Tenn.; three daughters, Charlene D. Cole of Boone, N.C., Andrea L. Shultz of Auburn, and Karen B. Smith of Butler; three brothers, J.D. Smith of Greenville, N.C., Joe Smith of Memphis, Tenn., and Bobby Sutley of Orlando, Fla.; one sister, Margie Harrington of Orlando; 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

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Edward Kimmel

KIMMELL — Edward A. "Ed" Kimmel, 49, died Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2001, at University Hospital in Indianapolis.

He had operated Kimmel Bulldozing for many years, along with his father. He was a 28-year member of the Ligonier Elks Club 451, a 29-year member of Sons of the American Legion in Albion and a life member of the Kimmell Conservation Club, for which he served as president. He was also a member of the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club and the Loyal Order of the Moose of Buckhead Ridge, Fla.

He was born April 24, 1952, in Wolf Lake, to Ed and Alice Mae (Parker) Kimmel. On June 24, 1983, at Ligonier United Methodist Church, he married Liz Lash, and she survives.

Also surviving are his mother; four sons, Sean Kimmel, Geoff Gilbert and his wife, Melinda Gilbert, and Graig Gilbert and his friend, Jill Baker, all of Kimmell, and Adam Gilbert and his friend, Emily Smith, of Elkhart; two daughters, Jaime Kimmel of Goshen and Amanda Becker and her friend, Scott Saggars, of Ligonier; and six grandchildren, Caleb, Tori and Alexis Gilbert, Zachary Becker and Elle and Taylor Saggars.

Services will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at Ligonier United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Jim Farrer of the Ligonier United Methodist Church officiating. Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday from 2-8 p.m. at the church, with an Elks memorial service at 8 p.m. Saturday. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization or the Kimmell Little League. The family requests those attending the service wear Hawaiian casual clothing in honor of Kimmel. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Bonar

HUDSON — Robert L. Bonar, 73, died Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2001, at the home of his daughter, Kelly Placencia, in Auburn.

Mr. Bonar

Mr. Bonar owned and operated Bonar Service Center in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1992. He lived in Hudson and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of American Legion Post 178 in Garrett and Aid Association for Lutherans.

He was born May 9, 1928, in Fort Wayne to Lawrence and Gladys (Angus) Bonar.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn M. (Hines) Bonar; two daughters and one son-in-law, Kelly and Arni Placencia of Auburn, and Kim Meinzer of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Al Bonar of Auburn and Fred "Fritz" Groh of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren, Ellyn Meinzer, and Logan and Jordan Placencia.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be at a later date. American Legion Post 178 and Garrett Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1892 will conduct military services at the funeral home after the service.

Calling is today from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Kenneth Cool

ANGOLA — Kenneth L. Cool, 75, of Angola, died Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2001 in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cool was employed as a receiving supervisor at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola. He retired in 1988 after working there 38 1/2 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

He belonged to Liberty Independent Baptist Church in Deland, Fla., was a member of Angola American Legion Post 31, and operated two farms. He enjoyed his family and fishing.

He was born April 5, 1926, in LaGrange to Charles and Catherine (Gaskill) Cool.

He married Dorothy (Schultz) Cool on Aug. 18, 1987. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are one daughter, Patricia Hiler of Kendallville; one stepdaughter, Karla Aumsbaugh of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Jeffrey Stayner of Harrisburg, Va., and John Chace Stayner of Angola; one brother, David Maysilles of Walpole, N.H.; two grandsons, six stepgrandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, June (Thrush) Cool, on Jan. 15, 1987; four brothers, Thomas, D.O., Don and Ted Cool; and four sisters, Ruth Wilson, Gertrude Sams, Elizabeth Kelly and Ila Little.

Military graveside services conducted by Angola American Legion Post 31 will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. in Flint Cemetery in Steuben County, with Tim Hasselman officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Kurn Hattin Homes, P.O. Box 127, Westminster, VT 05158.

Arrangements were made by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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James Post

WOLCOTTVILLE — James D. Post, 67, died Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2001, in Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

He was a draftsman at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville for 20 years and also worked as a private contractor.

Mr. Post

He was also a partner in Nissen-Post Siding and Roofing in Wawaka.

He was born Jan. 24, 1934, in Latty, Ohio, to James O. and Velva (Franklin) Post.

Surviving are his mother, of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, James L. and Karen Post of Muskegon, Mich.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen K. and David Kauffman of Wolcottville and Laura L. and Rich Lynch of Missouri; seven grandchildren, Mike and Melissa Post, Nicole, Nathan and Natalie Kauffman, Jenny Torok and Stacy Gan; four great-grandchildren; a brother, Haven Post of Prairie Lake, Mich.; and two sisters, Valeria Gordon of Tucson, Ariz., and Lorraine Weber of Kendallville.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Rome City United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Michael W. McKinney officiating.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne.

Amber Miller

LAGRANGE — Amber R. Miller, 98, of LaGrange, died Thursday, Nov. 8, 2001, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

A lifelong LaGrange County resident, she had retired as a nurse's aid at LaGrange County Hospital. She was a member of the LaGrange County Retired Hospital Employees.

She was born Sept. 27, 1903, in Mongo, to Edward and Ella (Casey) Davidson. On Aug. 3, 1921, in Albion, she married Vogal E. Miller, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 19, 1987.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard E. and Marilyn Miller of LaGrange; a daughter-in-law, Betty Miller of LaGrange; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

A son, Donald C. Miller, preceded her in death on April 30, 1996, and a grandson, Michael R. Miller, died on June 25. Two sisters and a brother are also deceased.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Council on Aging.Funeral home requests this run in the Herald tomorrow.

Walter Bartels

LAGRANGE — Walter Bartels, 90, of LaGrange, died Monday, Nov. 5, 2001, at Heritage Square Healthcare Centre in Greendale, Wis.

He lived most of his life in LaGrange County, where he retired from Dometic (Duo-Therm) in 1972. He repaired small engines during his retirement, earning the name "Mr. Fix-It" of Fish Lake. He was a member of the First Church of God in LaGrange, and taught an adult education class for over 40 years.

He was born Jan. 17, 1911, in Fort Wayne, to Frank A. and Anna (Brinkman) Bartels. On June 14, 1934, in Ligonier, he married Lilah Nelson, and she preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Beverly and Ralph Smith of Warsaw and Barbara and Edward Brewer of Eaton, Ohio; three sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Lois Bartels of Alamo, Tenn., David and May Bartels of Orlando, Fla., and William and Judy Bartels of Greendale, Wis.; 17 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at First Church of God in LaGrange, with the Rev. Robert W. Fields officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 5-8 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange and from noon-1 p.m. Monday at the church. Burial will be in Waterloo Memorial Cemetery, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the church building fund.

Robert Heign

LAGRANGE — Robert W. Heign, 94, of Howe, died today at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

He lived his entire life in Brighton, where he worked as a welder and mechanic at Heign Garage. He was a member of Meridian Sun Lodge 76 F&AM of LaGrange for over 50 years.

He was born May 5, 1907, in Brighton, to Jacob and Eliza (Rhodes) Heign. On Jan. 21, 1928, in Goshen, he married Lucille Garlets, and she preceded him in death June 21, 1998. Two brothers, Harry and Clyde Heign, are also deceased, and a great-grandson, Brok Taylor, died Sept. 4, 1996.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Fanning of Shipshewana and Sandi Stouffer of South Bend; two sons, Forman F. Heign of Howe and Franklin L. Heign of Middlebury; 16 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Brighton Cemetery, with the Rev. Subbarao V. Yarlagadda officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children. Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

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Dorothy Flora

WARREN — Dorothy J. Flora, 83, died Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 9:55 a.m. at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

Mrs. Flora retired after 12 years with Utrad Speaker Co. of Huntington and previously worked for Sealtest Co. for 18 years. She was a member of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Huntington and its Gollner Guild.

She was a lifelong resident of Huntington County. She was a 1936 graduate of Huntington High School and a 1938 graduate of Fort Wayne International Business College.

She was born March 6, 1918, in Huntington to Louis A. and Elizabeth (Knoke) Hohe.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, John R. and Karen Flora of Columbia City; two daughters, Mary Ann Passwater of Fort Wayne and Janet Dinius of Detroit, Mich.; two brothers, Dr. J. William Hohe and Louis A. Hohe, both of Huntington; one sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Charles Buse of Angola; 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

One sister, Mary Hohe Schieber, preceded her in death.

Services were held Thursday at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, with Father Ron Rieder officiating. Burial was in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Huntington.

Memorials are to the church.

Ronald Benedict

HARTFORD CITY — Ronald P. Benedict, 64, of Muncie, formerly of Hartford City, died at 8:23 a.m. Friday, Nov. 9, 2001, in Blackford County Hospital, Hartford City, after an extended illness.

On Dec. 8, 1936, in Hartford City, he was born to Joseph and Dorta (Egly) Benedict. He married Rita Ann Charnley on Oct. 25, 1958, in Hartford City. She preceded him in death on July 26, 1993.

He then married Barbara Gilland in Pleasant Grove Church, Hartford City, on March 26, 1994. She survives.

He served in the U.S. Navy and retired in 1996 from 3M Corp. after 37 years of service.

Mr. Benedict was an avid car collector and attended numerous area car shows.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Barbara, and father, are two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Patti Benedict, Avilla, and Phil and Amy Benedict, Hartford City; a daughter and son-in-law, Patty and Gary Towne, Marion; a daughter, Angela McKee, Logansport; a stepson, Larry Gilland, Dunkirk; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Jay and Pam Gilland, Hartford City; a stepdaughter, Andrea Gilland, Indianapolis; a brother and sister-in-law, Greg and Rita Monroe, Poland, Ind.; three half-sisters, Susan Helton and Sally (Mrs. Allan) Petty, both of Upland, and Linda (Mrs. Lonnie) Hawkins, Montpelier; 13 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and a great-grandson.

His mother and a brother, Tony Benedict, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Waters Funeral Home, 501 W. Washington St., Hartford City, with Rev. Dan Coffman officiating. Burial will be in Hartford City Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday and after 9 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society with envelopes at the funeral home.

Cole McHenry

AUBURN — Infant Cole Gregory McHenry died Thursday, Nov. 8, 2001, after his birth in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Surviving are his parents, Dennis and Angela McHenry of Auburn; two brothers, Scott M. McHenry and Brent N. McHenry, both of Auburn; one sister, Jillian S. McHenry of Auburn; his maternal grandparents, Eugene and Janet Wood of Fort Myers, Fla.; his paternal grandparents, Gordon and Irene McHenry of New Haven; and his paternal great-grandmother, Wilma McHenry of Fort Wayne.

Graveside services will be held today at 1 p.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Mettie Hulen

KENDALLVILLE — Mettie P. Hulen, 89, died unexpectedly Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2001, in her apartment at The Lamplighter in Kendallville.

On April 21, 1912, in Switz City, she was born to James and Minerva (Dixon) Lundy. She married William "Bill" Hulen, who preceded her in death on Aug. 23, 1977.

Surviving are two daughters, Katherine Kelham, Avilla, and Retta Biddle, Adrian, Ga.; four sons, Thomas Hulen of Wolcottville, Richard Hulen of Kendallville, Terry Hulen of Michigan City, and Joe Hulen of Lake Tahoe, Nev.; 20 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Three sisters and five brothers preceded her in death.

A private family service was held Friday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Mike Tatum officiating. Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville at a later date.

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Emma Yoder

TOPEKA — Emma D. Yoder, 83, of Topeka, formerly of rural Middlebury, died at 4:25 a.m. Friday, Nov. 9, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital where she was admitted Wednesday after becoming ill Monday.

On April 18, 1918, she was born in Holmes, Ohio, to Daniel and Emma (Troyer) Miller. She married Clarence A. Yoder on Nov. 24, 1938, in LaGrange County. He preceded her in death on Aug. 20, 1995.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are two daughters, Edna (Mrs. Levi) Bontrager and Sarah (Mrs. John) Schlabach, both of Topeka; two sons and daughters-in-law, Lloyd and Clara Yoder of Shipshewana, and Wayne and Naoma Yoder of Middlebury; three brothers, Neal Miller of Atlantic, Pa., Henry Miller of Riverville, Iowa, and Dan Miller of Sugar Creek, Ohio; six grandchildren; and 19 great grandchildren.

A granddaughter, Cheryl O'Rourke, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Perry E. Miller residence, C.R. 100S Middlebury, with Bishop Keith Helmuth and Bishop Alton Bontrager of the Old Order Amish Church officiating. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling is after 4 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the Ed Yoder residence, C.R. 37, Middlebury.

Arlene Eley

AUBURN — Arlene D. Eley, 81, died Thursday, Nov. 8, 2001.

Mrs. Eley was self-employed in health care for 20 years, retiring in 1972. She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary in Angola, and the American Legion Auxiliary in Auburn. She was a past president of both auxiliaries.

She was born Oct. 25, 1920, in Garrett to Martin V.B. and Jennie M. (Horn) Lane.

Her husband, Clarence L. Eley Sr., died Sept. 11, 2001.

Surviving are two sons, Clarence L. Eley Jr. of Auburn and Stephen L. Eley of Lake Orion, Mich.; two daughters, Lee Ann Eley of Dallas, Texas, and Jane I. Kayser of Fort Wayne; one brother, Wendell C. Lane of Kendallville; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A sister, Theo Dennis, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. The Rev. William Haworth will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Monday from noon-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Paul McNamara

ASHLEY — Paul D. McNamara, 52, died Friday, Nov. 9, 2001, at 6:24 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. McNamara was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

He born Sept. 6, 1949, in Auburn to Hubert C. and Fern Garman (Wright) McNamara. His mother survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three sisters, Joyce McNamara of Auburn, Ruby Claydon of Round Lake Beach, Ill., and Doris E. Mattingly of Snow Lake.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Doug Thomas and the Rev. John Kinsey officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-6 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Robert Taite

KENDALLVILLE — Robert P. Taite, 70, died Friday, Nov. 9, 2001, at 7:30 p.m. at his residence following an extended illness.

Mr. Taite

Mr. Taite was a production supervisor at Kraft Foods for 35 years, retiring in March 1991. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

He was a member of American Legion Post 246 in Albion, a life member of Moose Lodge 1301 and a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville.

He was born in Dallas, Texas, on March 24, 1931, to Paul and Margaret (Heasley/Kammerer) Taite.

He married JoAnn Poyser in Kendallville on Aug. 12, 1956. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Robert J. Taite of Lake Forest, Ill., Michael J. Taite of Muncie and Thomas J. Taite of Kendallville; one daughter, Stephanie M. Taite of Kendallville; one stepdaughter, Paula Gingrich of Ligonier; one stepson, Kenneth Biddle of Pierceton; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville, with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery of Kendallville.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 in the funeral Home.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church.

Max Smith

ALBION — Max D. Smith, 55, died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2001, at 1:25 a.m. in his Albion residence.

Mr. Smith was a prototype window assembler for Taylor-Made in Kendallville. He lived in Albion 33 years, coming from Kendallville. He was a member of the L.A. Breakfast Car Club and loved his 1956 Chevy.

He was born Jan. 10, 1946, in Kendallville to Warren Nelson Smith and Viola Mae (Hammel) Smith. They preceded him in death.

He married Linda Wappes on Aug. 20, 1966, in St. John's Lutheran Church in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Christine and Ronald Jones, Teresa and Jerry Jones and Kimberly and Robert Slone, all of Albion, and Tammy and Edward Wiseman of Garrett; eight grandchildren, Curtis, Courtney, Caitlin, Ryan and Austin Jones, Shaylene Slone and Kyle and Cody Wiseman; two sisters, Phyllis Lash and Janis Thacker, both of Kendallville; and two brothers, James Smith of Kendallville and Kenneth Smith of Soucier, Miss.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Albion Wesleyan Church, with Pastor Eric Ball officiating. Burial will be in Orange Township Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home, 209 E. Main St., Albion, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Albion Wesleyan Church and Whitely County Hospice.

Mary Mutzfeld

AUBURN — Mary Pearl Mutzfeld, 70, died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2001, at 6:05 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Mutzfeld was a homemaker and a member of the Maple Grove United Methodist Church in rural Auburn.

She was born in Connellsville, Pa., on Aug. 12, 1931, to Alva and Eva (Wilson) Harshman.

She married Raymond Mutzfeld on Nov. 16, 1963. He died Jan. 29, 1997.

Surviving are one son, Jason Mutzfeld of Auburn; one stepson, Scott Mutzfeld of Muncie; one brother, Glenn Harshman of Houston, Texas; two sisters, Betty Beattie of Connellsville, Pa., and Jean Collins of Columbus, Ohio; one grandson, Dereck Mutzfeld; two stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandsons.

She was preceded in death by three sisters and three brothers.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Douglas Barber officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wee Haven Industries in Garrett.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Evening Star, Sun., Nov. 11, 2001 (Mon. 12)

Retired Noble County Assessor Glenn Targgart dies unexpectedly at 78

WOLF LAKE — Glenn O. Targgart, 78, well-known Noble County resident and retired Noble County assessor, died Friday, Nov. 9, 2001.

Mr. Targgart

He collapsed while working on his farm near Wolf Lake Friday afternoon and was pronounced dead in the emergency room at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City at 6:54 p.m.

He was born in Noble County on Feb. 10, 1923, to Dae H. and Hattie Gay Targgart.

His formative years were spent on the Targgart farm in Noble Township. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1941.

During World War II, he served in the U.S Navy on board the U.S.S. Casablanca. He was discharged from active duty on Dec. 7, 1945.

Mr. Targgart was a farmer for 35 years and served as the Noble Township trustee from 1963 to 1970. In 1978, he was elected Noble County assessor, a position he held until 1986. He was a member of the Blue River Church of the Brethren.

He married June Shively on May 19, 1944, and they spent their married life on a farm in Noble Township. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Dan and Cheryl Targgart of Churubusco, Doug and Dawn Targgart of Avilla, and Ed and Debbie Targgart of Fort Wayne; one daughter and son-in-law, Deb and Jeff Gipe of Columbia City; nine grandchildren, Tim, Angie, Joel, Caleb, Nathan and Karina Targgart, and Jason, Jolene and Jeremy Gipe; two great-grandchildren, Jenna and Mariah Targgart; a sister, Aldena Harris of LaOtto; and a brother, Tom Targgart of Churubusco.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Dae Targgart Jr.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Blue River Church of the Brethren, 3040 E. 700N, Columbia City, with Pastor Craig A. Myers officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling is Monday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in the Smith & Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City, and Tuesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Blue River Church of the Brethren mission fund.

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John Bussard

NEW HAVEN — John L. Bussard, 59, died Thursday, Nov. 8, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bussard was a former Angola resident. He was a mechanic for Ditch Witch for five years, and formerly worked for Trans-Tech Electric and Sun Rise Disposal of Angola.

He was a member of the New Haven Fraternal Order of Eagles, American Legion Post 330 S.A.W., and the Marine Corps League.

He was born Oct. 15, 1942, in Peru.

Surviving are his wife, Connie Bussard of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Tawnya Geels of New Haven and Tammy Morgan of Fort Wayne; a son, John Jason Bussard of Fort Wayne; five brothers, Rex of New Haven, David of Akron, Ind., Chuck of Claypool, Greg of Barbee Lake and Robert of North Liberty; three sisters, Sue Bussard and Bernice Strong, both of Akron, Ind., and Jane Clark of New Haven; two grandsons and three stepgrandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Ind. 930 E., New Haven. Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery, New Haven.

Calling is Tuesday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Miriam Casselman

GARRETT — Miriam J. Casselman, 86, died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Casselman was a homemaker and member of the First Church of Christ, Garrett. She was a graduate of Butler High School.

She was born June 17, 1915, in Columbus, Ohio, to Raymond and Ella Tomlinson.

Her husband, Lester D. Casselman, died Jan. 31, 1986.

Surviving are four daughters, Erma J. Casselman of Garrett, Patricia Fuentes of Kendallville, Hilda Gettys of LaPorte and Pearl Weinhold of Hamilton; eight grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Sandra Kay Casselman, and one son, Larry Casselman in 1993.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Cedar Lake Cemetery, rural Waterloo.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ in Garrett, or the Leukemia Society of America, Indiana Chapter, 921 E. 86th St., Indianapolis IN 46240.

Bette Parker

AUBURN — Bette M. Parker, 79, died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2001, at 1:45 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Parker was a homemaker and formerly lived in Angola and Melbourne, Fla. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and several bowling leagues. She loved gardening, crocheting and reading.

She was born Jan. 12, 1922, in Angola to Lewis E. and Ruth May (Deller) Mounts.

She married James L. Parker on Feb. 10, 1940, in Fort Wayne. He died Dec. 1, 1986.

Surviving are two sons, James L. Parker of Waterloo and Michael Parker of Deltona, Fla.; two sisters, Maxine L.C. (Mounts) Morrison of Melbourne and Marian N. (Mountz) Leatherman of Fort Myers, Fla.; four grandchildren, Michael Parker, Jeremiah Parker, Tom Parker and Kelly Hill; one great-grandchild, Brendon Parker; and one great-great-grandchild, Lyric Parker.

One brother, Lewis C. Mounts, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 6 p.m. The Rev. Don Shankster will officiate.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Pauline Carpenter

AUBURN — Pauline Carpenter, 70, of Auburn, died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2001, at 5:04 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Carpenter worked as a packager at Stanadyne in Garrett for 10 years, retiring in 1982. She attended New Hope Christian Church in Waterloo.

Mrs. Carpenter

Born Jan. 30, 1931 in Wellington, Ky., she was the daughter of Hiram and Annie (Wells) Fields.

On Aug. 14, 1948, she married Irvin Carpenter in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and David Platner of Shelby Twp., Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Sue Carpenter of Garrett; four grandchildren, Jeffrey Platner of Bremerton, Wash., Amanda Tarlton of Lafayette, Jackie Carpenter of Indianapolis and Craig Carpenter of Garrett; two great-grandsons; and two sisters, Grace Helton of Auburn and Eva Mason of Angola.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Alfred Fields and Dorsey Fields; and a half-brother, Howard Meadows.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Kenny Quenner officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home, with additional calling one hour prior to the service Wednesday.

Memorials are to New Hope Worship Center, Waterloo.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Evelyn Gift

WARSAW — Evelyn V. Gift, 80, died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2001, at 5:45 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw, after an illness of three weeks.

She retired in 1986 as a personnel clerk with United Telephone Co. in Warsaw. She was a member of New Beginnings Community Church in Atwood, the Pete Thorn Senior Center in Warsaw, and the Wittenberg Guild in DeKalb County.

She was born May 11, 1921, in DeKalb County to Russel L. and Ruby H. (Platt) Jennings.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn Jean and Clarence Pigman of Warsaw, and Cheryl and Don Doan of Bourbon; one son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Marleen Gift of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Paul Jennings of Auburn and Kenneth Jennings of Edgerton, Ohio; three sisters, Maxine Sanders and Margaret Sanders, both of Edgerton, and Wilma Armstrong of Butler; 10 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Richard Jennings, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio, with Pastor Dennis Bollenbacher officiating. Burial will be in Farnham Cemetery, Edgerton.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

A memorial service will be held in Warsaw at a later date.

Memorials are to New Beginnings Community Church.

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Margaret Meyer

EDGERTON, Ohio — Margaret M. Meyer, 83, died Monday, Nov. 12, 2001, at Parkview Nursing Center in Edgerton, where she was a resident.

Mrs. Meyer worked for Marshall Clothing in Butler for many years as a garment cutter until her retirement in 1981. She formerly lived in Butler and was a member of the Edgerton Church of Christ.

She was born July 15, 1918, in North Vernon, Ind., to Harry and Caroline Miles.

She married George E. Meyer on July 21, 1935, in North Vernon. He died Dec. 20, 1990.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Norma and Elwood Grunden of Butler, and Linda and Charles Elson of Montpelier, Ohio; four sons and daughters-in-law, James and Nancy Meyer of Defiance, Ohio, Joe and Lorna Meyer of Apopka, Fla., Bruce and Anna Meyer of Auburn, and Dennis and Lisa Meyer of Antwerp, Ohio; one brother, Virgil Miles of North Vernon; two sisters, Sarah Castetter of North Vernon and Dorothy Cummins of Annapolis, Ind.; 17 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, and one great-great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by five brothers and sisters, three grandsons, one great-grandson and one great-granddaughter.

Services will be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Calling is Wednesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to Parkview Nursing Center Activities Fund or a charity of the donor's choice.

Catalina Paulus

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — Catalina "Cathy" Hernandez Paulus, 73, of Virginia Beach, Va., and formerly of Ligonier, died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2001, in Virginia Beach.

She was born Feb. 13, 1928, in Corsicana, Texas, to the late Jose and Feliz Hernandez. On Jan. 2, 1948, in San Antonio, she married Eugene A. "Pete" Paulus. He preceded her in death on August 18, 1994.

Mrs. Paulus was retired from the Monsanto Corp. She served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a supervisor of switchboard communications in Germany. She attended Chapel of the Good Shepherd at NAS Oceana in Virginia Beach. She was a member of the VFW of Lufkin, Texas; the American Legion in Albion; Local Union 229 in Ligonier; Disabled American Veterans; the Women in Military Service Memorial and the St. Jude's Shrine.

Survivors include three daughters, Anita Browning and her husband, David, of Virginia Beach; Sharon Swank of Goshen; Janie Dzina and her husband, David, of Jacksonville, Fla.; three sons, Marvin Lavon "Sam" Paulus and his wife, Patsy, of Needville, Texas; Joseph Eugene Paulus of Syracuse, Ind.; Cyrus Charles Paulus and his wife, Doreen, of Lufkin, Texas; one brother, Willie Hernandez; two sisters, Juanita Cantu and LaLa Vara; 18 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren, Zachary and Caitlyn Swank, Kyle and Kayla DIckerson, Jordan and Jared Swank, Shannon and Matthew Coyle, Christopher Lehman and Mason Swank.

Services will be Thursday in the American Hermitage Funeral Home Chapel in Houston, Texas. Burial will follow in the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Houston with full military honors. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the VFW District 4.

Smith and Williams Funeral Home in Virginia Beach and American Hermitage Funeral Home in Houston, Texas, are handling arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Southampton Roads Chapter, 6340 Center Drive, Norfolk, VA 23502.

Wanda Ziebelle

ANGOLA — Wanda M. Ziebelle, 102, died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2001, at 2:50 p.m. in Carlin Park Healthcare Center, Angola.

Mrs. Ziebelle worked part-time at Seagly Hardware in Angola. She lived most of her live in Angola, moving from the Helmer and Hudson areas.

She was born April 11, 1899, in Hudson to Gilbert and Lottie (High) Sherrick.

She married Art Ziebelle in 1922. He died in 1975.

Surviving her are one niece, Beverly Leitch of Kendallville; three nephews, Kelly and Kevin Hoyer, both of Anchorage, Alaska, and Bill Hoyer of Australia; three great-nieces, seven great-nephews, six great-great nieces and seven great-great-nephews, and one cousin.

Two sisters, Margaret Hoyer and Waunetta Seagly, preceded her in death.

Calling is Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with graveside services to follow in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna. The Rev. Susan Beckett will officiate.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

George Bickel Jr.

HOLLAND, Mich. — George L. Bickel Jr., formerly of Edgerton, Ohio, died on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2001 in Oak Crest Assisted Living in Holland, Mich.

Mr. Bickel was born Dec. 31, 1919, to Minnie and George Lewis Bickel Sr. He married Mary Lou Long on Oct. 18, 1943, in Glen Cove Springs, Fla. She preceded him in death on Oct. 31, 2000.

He was employed as a purchasing agent for Simpson Industries in Edon and retired in 1991.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Helen and a sister, Grace Bickel of Ligonier.

Graveside services were held Sunday in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, with Pastor Kevin Orr officiating.

Donald Hertsel

COLUMBIA CITY — Donald L. Hertsel, 84, died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2001, at 11:59 p.m. in his Columbia City home. He had been in failing health the past two years.

Mr. Hertsel

Mr. Hertsel retired in 1981 after 14 years as a service manager for MacAllister Machinery Co. Inc., Fort Wayne. He previously worked for Phelps Dodge Magnet Wire Inc. in Fort Wayne for 14 1/2 years as a mechanic. He was a well-known local mechanic and had worked for Schrader Automotive in Columbia City.

He graduated from Washington Center High School in 1936 and was a lifelong resident of Whitley County. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II from March 10, 1943, to Feb. 22, 1946, as a T-3 sergeant.

Mr. Hertsel was a member of the Columbia City United Methodist Church and its Optimistic Seniors Group, Columbia City Masonic Lodge 189 F.&A.M., Scottish Rite, Whitley County Shrine Club, Mizpah Temple Shrine of Fort Wayne, American Legion Post 98 and Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge 1906. He was a former member of the Columbia City Lions Club.

He was born April 28, 1917, near Loraine in Whitley County to Virgil L. and Mildred (Graves) Hertsel.

He married Cynthia A. Alexander on Aug. 31, 1940, in Whitley County. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Gloria C. and Steve More of Columbia City; one son and daughter-in-law, George and PaulaDean Hertsel of Auburn; five grandchildren, Kirk Hertsel of Auburn, Kent Hertsel of Fort Wayne, Tricia Boyer of Auburn, Jeffrey Chapman of Columbia City and Jennifer Chapman of Noblesville; two great-granddaughters, Sarah Michelle and Grace Madeline Hertsel, both of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

One sister, Genevieve Hertsel Crawford, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Pastor Jack Scott and Pastor Phillip J. Blake officiating. Burial will be in Nolt Cemetery, Columbia City, with military rites conducted by American Legion Post 98.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home. Twilight Masonic services will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Columbia City United Methodist Church building fund.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@demoneygrimes.com.

Thomas Fish

GOSHEN — Thomas Patrick Fish, 75, Goshen, died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2001, at his home.

He moved to Goshen in 1968, and was employed at Goshen Rubber, then at New Paris Creamery for 21 years. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

He was born June 21, 1925, in Buffalo, N.Y., to John Thomas and Sarah Jane (Watt) Fish. On Aug. 27, 1951, in Buffalo, he married Theresa M. Sciolino, and she preceded him in death on May 22. Three brothers, Harry, Harold and James, are also deceased.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Jeff Lietzan of Goshen and Deborah and Doug Bertelsen of Highland Home, Ala.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Paul Fish of Elkhart and William and Kim and Thomas and Rena Fish, all of Ligonier; a sister, Grace McBeth of Las Vegas, Nev.; 17 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held today at 10:30 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, with the Rev. John Delaney and the Rev. Edward Krason officiating. Burial was in Violett Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Travis Christlieb

WATERLOO — Travis David Christlieb, 13, died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2001, at 3:56 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was a seventh-grade student at Lakewood Park Christian School in rural Auburn, where he was a member of the school band. He belonged to the County Line Church of God youth group. He loved riding his four-wheeler.

He was born July 23, 1988, in Fort Wayne to David and Lorri (Wilson) Christlieb. His parents survive in Waterloo.

Also surviving are two sisters, Taya Christlieb at home and Nicole Oberlin of Pleasant Lake; and his grandparents, Ruth Wilson of Auburn, Judy Christlieb of Auburn and David Christlieb of Albion.

A grandfather, Lloyd Wilson, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Lakewood Park Baptist Church, Auburn. The Rev. Bob Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, and Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at Lakewood Park Baptist Church.

Memorials are to a scholarship in Travis Christlieb's name in care of the DeKalb County Community Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2001

Avis Shumate

ANGOLA — Avis L. Elliott Shumate, 89, died Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

She was a homemaker and previously worked at the LaGrange County Hospital, McCray Hospital in Kendallville and a physician's office in LaGrange.

She was born July 27, 1912, in Fulton County, Ohio, to Harry and Leva (Crowe) Brink.

Her first husband, Howard Elliott, died April 26, 1977. Her second husband, Quiller Shumate, died Sept. 12, 1986.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Phyllis Elliott of Fruitland, Fla.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Donelda and Mike Hantz of Angola and Barbara and Harlen Clark of Wauseon, Ohio; two brothers, Nelson Brink and Jack Brink, both of Morenci, Mich.; 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two grandsons, Tom Austin and Kevin Elliott; a great-grandson, Clark Schwall; two brothers and three sisters.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. The Rev. Jon Bruney will officiate. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery in York Township, Steuben County.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

John Miller

MARK CENTER, Ohio — John A. Miller, 56, died Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001, at Dilworth Center in Montpelier, Ohio.

Mr. Miller was employed at Harvard Industries in Bryan, Ohio, for the past 33 years. He graduated from Fairview High School with the class of 1963.

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville, Ohio, Knights of Columbus and the Hicksville Eagles Lodge.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, a member of Hicksville's posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a life member of Amvets.

He was born July 24, 1945, in Milford Township, Defiance County, Ohio, to Carl and Helen Harter Miller.

Surviving are two sisters, Mary Hubert of Edmonton, Ky., and Madonna Schliesser of Mark Center, Ohio; and seven brothers, Joe Miller of Mark Center, Francis "Bounce" Miller of Butler, Richard Miller of Hicksville, Robert Miller of Swanton, Ohio, James Miller of Payne, Ohio, Paul Miller of Fort Wayne and Donald Miller of Amelia, Ohio.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. The Rev. Clarence Zimmerman and the Rev. Bob Wagner will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery at Hicksville, with graveside military services by the Hicksville posts of the American Legion and VFW.

Calling is Thursday after 2 p.m. and Friday after 8 a.m. at the funeral home. The Hicksville Eagles Lodge will conduct a service Thursday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Dilworth Center in Montpelier.

Ned Balser

FORT WAYNE — Ned Eugene Balser, 52, of Fort Wayne, died Monday, Nov. 12, 2001, at VA Health Care System in Fort Wayne.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, and was a disabled veteran.

He was born Dec. 26, 1948, in Fort Wayne, to Bernard B. and Dorothy J. (Wilson) Balser.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Stephen B. and Bonnie Balser of Churubusco; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Andrea and Marvin Kinney of Collins and Amy Burns of Fort Wayne; his companion, Sue Jester of Fridley, Minn.; and seven nieces and nephews.

Private graveside services will be held Thursday at Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco, with Monsignor Donald Isenbarger, formerly of St. John Bosco Catholic Church, officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System in Fort Wayne. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Hilda Stuckey

AVILLA — Hilda E. Stuckey, 87, died Monday, Nov. 12, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

She was born in New Haven and retired in 1977 as the owner of Stuckey Archery Co. in New Haven after 27 years. Her husband, Charles E., died in 1977.

Surviving are a daughter, Sharon Hullinger of Wolcottville; a brother, Carl Urbine of Toledo; five grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Prayers will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana 930 E., New Haven, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 943 Powers St., New Haven. Calling will be Thursday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home, with a vigil service at 8:30 p.m. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Memorials are to Masses.

Robert Welling

CROMWELL — Robert W. Welling, 78, of Cromwell, died Monday, Nov. 12, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A retired set-up man for Chrysler Corp. in New Castle and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of North Webster American Legion Herbert Kuhn Post 253.

He was born July 2, 1923, in Bloomfield, to Joseph and Lavina (Hawks) Welling. On Feb. 2, 1946, in Muncie, he married Ellen Hovis, and his wife survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Nancy and Larry Green of Hiwasse, Ark., Sandra Welling of Melrose Park, Ill., and Billie Welling of Carpentersville, Ill.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Welling of Muncie and John and Betty Walling of Beaver Falls, Pa.; two brothers, Joseph Welling Jr. of Fort Smith, Ark., and James Welling of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Two brothers, Fred and Bill, and three sisters, Betty, Jewell and Mary, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Vaughn Powell officiating. Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne, with military rites.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 253.

Travis Christlieb

WATERLOO — Travis David Christlieb, 13, died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2001, at 3:56 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was a seventh-grade student at Lakewood Park Christian School in rural Auburn, where he was a member of the school band. He belonged to the County Line Church of God youth group. He loved riding his four-wheeler.

Travis Christlieb

He was born July 23, 1988, in Fort Wayne to David and Lorri (Wilson) Christlieb. His parents survive in Waterloo.

Also surviving are two sisters, Taya Christlieb at home and Nicole Oberlin of Pleasant Lake; and his grandparents, Ruth Wilson of Auburn, Judy Christlieb of Auburn and David Christlieb of Albion.

A grandfather, Lloyd Wilson, preceded him in death.

Services were held today at 10 a.m. in Lakewood Park Baptist Church, Auburn. The Rev. Bob Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to a scholarship in Travis Christlieb's name in care of the DeKalb County Community Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Mary Colpaert

GENEVA, Ind. — Mary E. Colpaert, 94, died Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001, at 2:35 a.m. in Woodcrest of Decatur.

Mrs. Colpaert was a homemaker and lived in Geneva. She was a member of St. Mary's of the Presentation Catholic Church in Geneva.

Mrs. Colpaert was born Sept. 29, 1907, in Warren to Isaac and Charity (Clampitt) Newman.

She married Achiel C. Colpaert on June 1, 1940, in Huntington. He died Aug. 20, 1991.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Elizabeth Ann and Edward Campbell of Brighton, Mich., and Emma Lou and Thomas Ludy of Angola; one son, Glen A. Colpaert of Portland, Ind.; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Six great-grandchildren preceded her in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's of the Presentation Catholic Church with Father Edward Narcowich officiating.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Downing Funeral Home, Geneva. A rosary service will be held tonight at 8 in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Kletice Stoner

CROMWELL — Kletice W. "Billy" Stoner, 78, died Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001, at Goshen General Hospital.

He was a farmer and a carpenter for Heciaman Homes. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and enjoyed watching sporting events.

He was born July 17, 1923, in Cromwell, to Elden and Rosa (Knepper) Stoner. On March 18, 1944, in Syracuse, he married Lauretta "Vi" Kolberg, and his wife survives in Cromwell.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Teddy and Rebecca Stoner of Syracuse and Jerry and Amy Stoner of Ligonier; two daughters and sons-in-law, Peggy and Terry Weiss of Rochester and Penny and Dave Limerick of Ligonier; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Katherine Longenecker of Middlebury and Karyll and Howard Hall of Mishawaka; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, Kenneth, Kermit and Kelvin, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Don Poyser and the Rev. Chris Dare officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in McClintic Cemetery, Syracuse.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Ruth Gregory

WOLCOTTVILLE — Ruth Gene Gregory, 76, died Monday, Nov. 12, 2001, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

She was an artist and seamstress.

She was born March 5, 1925, in Indianapolis, to Wilhelm K. and Elfriede (Herlich) Eckstein.

Surviving are two brothers, Fred Eckstein of Mooresville and Walter Gregory of Wheaton, Ill.; and her caregiver and lifelong friend, Mary Boylan of Wolcottville.

Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City, with the Rev. Charles Mullen officiating. Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, with a rosary service at 5:30 p.m. Calling will also be Thursday one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in St. Gaspar Catholic Cemetery, Rome City.

Memorials are to Masses or the St. Gaspar youth building fund.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2001

Richard VanWagner Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — Richard Lee VanWagner Jr., 47, died Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2001, at his home west of Kendallville.

An East Noble High School graduate, he worked for Reith and Riley Construction for 17 years and the Kendallville Park Department for two years. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, the Free and Accepted Masons lodge and the Elks lodge, all in Kendallville, and the Fort Wayne Shrine Club.

Mr. Van Wagner

He was born July 10, 1954, to Richard Lee Sr. and Ellen J. (McClure) VanWagner. His father preceded him in death in February, 1987, and his mother survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Erica and Chris Wehrmeister of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Adam and Sarah VanWagner of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Cathy and Larry Young of Kendallville; and a grandson, Ethan Michael VanWagner of Kendallville.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church in Kendallville, with Monsignor Jacob Gall officiating. Calling will be Friday from 4-9 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with a rosary service at 8 p.m. Calling will also be held Saturday at the church one hour prior to services. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice or to Masses.

Geraldine Noll

STROH — Geraldine C. Noll, 88, died Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001, at her home in Stroh.

Mrs. Noll was a homemaker and a member of the Stroh Church of Christ, where she was a Sunday School teacher for more than 20 years. She was a lifetime Stroh resident and graduated from Salem Center High School.

She was born Sept. 9, 1913, in Stroh to William and Zella (Sidle) Coney.

She married Cecil Noll on May 2, 1932. He died Jan. 2, 1992.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Marilyn Noll of Angola, and Lynn and Theresa Noll of Hudson; three grandchildren, Randy Noll, Kirk Noll and Pam Hamilton; and four great-grandchildren, Troy, Lyndsay and Kasey Noll, and Alexandria Hamilton.

A grandson, Jeff Noll, and a sister, Talitha Bussing, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Stroh Church of Christ with calling after 10 a.m. Mike Hamm will officiate. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery of rural Stroh.

Additional calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson.

Memorials are to the Stroh Church of Christ.

Ima Jean Yoder

BUTLER — Ima Jean Yoder, 71, died Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001, at 4:25 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

She was retired after working 15 years as a nurse's aide at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

She was born Sept. 25, 1930, in Butler to George and Victoria (Peltier) Hankey.

Surviving are one daughter, Debbie Yoder of Butler; two sons, Robert Yoder and Ronald Yoder, both of Butler; two sisters, Genevieve Lapp and Olive Roose, both of Butler; a brother, Alvin Hankey of Butler; five grandchildren, Rodney, Rusty and Bryan Yoder, Adam Burns and Tosha Habyan; and one great-grandchild, Nicholas Yoder.

Four brothers, Clifford, Charles, Donald and William Hankey, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton, Ohio.

Rachel Keith-Burk

KINDERHOOK, Mich. — Rachel A. Keith-Burk, 88, died Monday, Nov. 12, 2001, at her home in Kinderhook Township, Branch County, Mich.

She was a homemaker, a member of Stokes Chapel United Methodist Church, the Ladies Aid Association and Pythian Sisters of Fremont. She was a graduate of Fremont High School.

She taught Sunday school for many years and enjoyed flowers and quilting.

She was born Oct. 24, 1913, in Coldwater, Mich., to Roy and Verl (Michael) Sellers.

Her husband, Lyle Keith, died in 1948.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Nancy Thompson of Coldwater, Sharon Robinson of Muncie, Janice and Dick Rider of Coldwater, and Sandy and John Bolton of Coldwater; one son and daughter-in-law, Russell and Judy Keith of Palestine, Ill; 16 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were one daughter, Patricia Keith; one brother, Clark Sellers; one sister, Ina Parshall; and a grandson, Adam Robinson.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Don Lee will officiate.

Burial will be in Knauss Cemetery, Kinderhook Township, Branch County, Mich.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Stokes Chapel United Methodist Church of Branch County.

Joan Novy

GARRETT — Joan B. Novy, 76, died Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001, at 7:30 a.m. at her home in Garrett.

Mrs. Novy

Mrs. Novy was a lifetime resident of Garrett. She graduated from St. Anne's Nursing School in Chicago as a registered nurse. She was a homemaker for much of her life and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and its Rosary Society.

She was born Sept. 28, 1925, in Garrett to William and Bernadette (Cogley) Dreher.

She married Dr. Charles A. Novy on Jan. 18, 1947, in Chicago. He died Aug. 26, 2001.

Surviving are four sons, William, Robert, Thomas and Joseph, all of Garrett; one daughter, Mary Joan Hullinger of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; and one sister, Rosemarie VanZile of Garrett.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett. Father Thom Lombardi will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, where the rosary will be said Friday at 2:30 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School or Masses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Amanda Lenker

WOLCOTTVILLE — Amanda Kay Lenker, 16, of Wolcottville, died Monday, Nov. 12, 2001, of injuries sustained in a LaGrange County automobile accident.

Miss Lenker

She was a junior at Lakeland High School in LaGrange and a lifelong area resident.

She was born July 14, 1985, in Kendallville, to Roger Lee Lenker Jr. of Flemingsburg, Ky. and Karen (Herman) Lenker of Wolcottville. Her parents survive.

Also surviving are a brother, Roger Lee, and a sister, Nova Jane, both of Flemingsburg, Ky.; a maternal grandmother, Eleanor Herman of Wolcottville; and a paternal grandmother, Pat Krebs of Stroh.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, with the Rev. Randy Rinehart of the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic in Albion officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

John Staley

BRONSON, Mich. — John S. Staley, 72, died Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001, at his Bronson home.

Mr. Staley had worked in die casting at Ford Motor Co., retiring in 1980 and moving to Camden, Mich. He moved to Bronson in 1998.

He was an artist who enjoyed painting in acrylics and oils, and was an accomplished barber and meat cutter. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing and hunting. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Coldwater, Mich.

His first wife, Donna, preceded him in death. He then married Dolores Miller on Aug. 5, 1995, in Camden, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kristy and Larry Lehman of Hamilton; a stepdaughter, Cindy Cook of Waterford, Mich.; a granddaughter, Tina Krontz of Angola; three great-grandchildren, Justin and Savanah Krontz, and Jessica Cook; and a brother and sister-in-law, Seymour and Eloise Staley of Hillsdale, Mich.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Nov. 24, at noon in St. Paul Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Dave Gruenhagen officiating. Calling is at the church from 11:30 a.m. until noon.

Memorials are to the church.

Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson, is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent to www.kolcz.com.

Carroll Eaton

STURGIS, Mich. — Carroll L. Eaton, 74, died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2001, at Thurston Woods Village, Sturgis.

Mr. Eaton was employed by Brooks Construction and Ed Bowen Construction. He later specialized in commercial construction, working out of the union hall in Kalamazoo, Mich. He was a member of the construction crew for the Sturgis football field.

After retirement, he did odd jobs for those in need and was a handyman at Klinger Lake Country Club. He was a member of the First Church of God, now called Gateway Church of God, and Michigan Carpenters Union 525. He enjoyed his motorcycle and was a past president of the Christian Motorcycle Association.

He was a Sturgis City commissioner from 1995 to 1999, when he could not continue after suffering a stroke. He was a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Sturgis Neighborhood Program and Sturgis Senior Center.

He was an active band parent for 18 years and a member of the Eastside Kiwanis Club, Michigan Republican Party, a barbershop quartet, and Sturgis Historical Society. He enjoyed working with the Sturgis Athletic Department.

He traveled to Trinidad, Alaska and Colombia on church mission trips.

He was in charge of setting off fireworks for the Sturgis Fourth of July celebration for many years.

Mr. Eaton was born Dec. 25, 1926, in Howe, LaGrange County, to Clarence J. and Bessie E.(Ellsworth) Eaton. He graduated from Scott High School.

He married Carma M. Fennell on Nov. 25, 1948, in Howe, and she preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lynette Kay and Barry Reese of Auburn, and Lorraine May and Travis Pitts of Fort Worth, Texas; one son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey Carroll Eaton and Elise Eaton of The Woodlands, Texas; two brothers and one sister-in-law, C. Ellsworth Eaton of Northbrook, Ill., and C.J. Eaton Jr. and Mae Eaton of Glenview, Ill.; one sister, Dorothy Horner of Sturgis; and eight grandchildren, Natalee Reese of Lafayette, Carma Reese of Auburn, Aaron Pitts, Benjamin Pitts, Melissa Walker, Christopher Walker, Michael Eaton and Jason Eaton, all of The Woodlands.

One brother, E. Verne Eaton, preceded him in death.

Services and a life celebration will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Gateway Church of God, Sturgis, with Pastor Doug Carr and Pastor Lorraine Bolley officiating.

Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home, 807 E. Chicago Road, Sturgis.

Memorials are to the church, the Sturgis Neighborhood Program or the American Heart Association.

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Ida Bontrager

LAGRANGE — Ida Mae Bontrager, 84, died Thursday, Nov. 15, 2001, at her home.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Feb. 24, 1917, in LaGrange, to Ervin R. and Lydia Ann (Miller) Miller. On Jan. 12, 1939, in Topeka, she married Joseph R. Bontrager, and he preceded her in death on Oct. 30, 1977.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel Jay and Frieda Bontrager of LaGrange and Ervin J. and Edna Mae Bontrager of Rome City; a half-sister and her husband, Mary Ellen and John Gingerich of Milford; five stepsisters, Sylvia Yoder of Goshen, Lydia Fry and her husband, Dan, and Lovina Yoder, all of LaGrange, and Katie Kuhns and her husband, Enos, and Martha Schlabach, all of Topeka; three stepbrothers, John Helmuth of Topeka, Clarence Schlabach of Dalton, Wis., and Melvin Schlabach of LaGrange; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Viola Miller, a brother, Olen Miller, two stepsisters, Anna Miller and Elizabeth Bowers, two half-brothers, Alvin and Walter Schlabach, and three stepbrothers, Jonas and Eli Schlabach and Joe Helmuth.

Services will be held at the family residence Monday at 9:30 a.m., with Bishop Ervin Lehman and the Rev. David Miller of the Old Order Amish Church officiating. Calling will be all day Saturday and Sunday at the family home. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the church. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

John Zimmerman

ANGOLA - John L. Zimmerman, 89, died Thursday, Nov. 15, 2001, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Zimmerman was a farmer all his life. He was a lifelong member of the North Scott Christian Church, where he served as an elder and was a past chairman of the church board.

He was born Oct. 10, 1912, in Scott Township of Steuben County to Milo C. and Edith (Sowle) Zimmerman.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. The Rev. James Hulbert will officiate. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to North Scott Christian Church, Woodburn Christian Children's Home, Great Lakes Christian Church, and Lake James Christian Assembly.

Jeremiah Smith

HUDSON — Jeremiah David Smith, 19, of Hudson, died Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following an automobile accident Monday in LaGrange County.

Jeremiah Smith

A 2000 graduate of Prairie Heights High School, he attended ITT Tech in Fort Wayne. He moved to the Hudson area three years ago from Mongo.

He was born Nov. 26, 1981, in Denver, to David Smith of Texas and Jodene Bullis of Hudson. His parents survive.

Also surviving are his stepfather, Bret Sage; two sisters, Rachel and Angela Gibson, both of Hudson; two stepbrothers, Cory and Kyland Sage, both of Hudson; and his paternal grandparents, Richard and LaDonna Harris of Colorado.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, with the Rev. Rick Davis officiating. Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery near Stroh.

Memorials are to the family.

Brandi Smith

HUDSON — Brandi Renee Smith, 18, of Hudson, died at the scene of an automobile accident in LaGrange County Monday, Nov. 12, 2001.

Brandi Smith

She moved to the area three years ago from Mongo. Her dog, Gizmo, also died at the scene.

She was born Feb. 19, 1983, in Denver, to David Smith of Texas and Jodene Bullis of Hudson. Her parents survive.

Also surviving are her stepfather, Bret Sage; her boyfriend, Jonathon Tuttle of Stroh; two sisters, Angela and Rachel Gibson, both of Hudson; two stepbrothers, Cory and Kyland Sage, both of Hudson; and her paternal grandparents, Richard and LaDonna Harris of Colorado.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchings Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Rick Davis officiating. Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery near Stroh.

Memorials are to the family.

Evelyn Stech

LIGONIER — Evelyn Susan Stech, 84, died Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2001, at Kingston Retirement Home in Ligonier.

She lived most of her life in Huntington County, and attended Living Faith Fellowship in Wilmot.

She was born Nov. 21, 1916, in Redwing, Minn., to Leroy O. and Bertha (Broyles) Clevenger. She married Gerald Glenn Stech in 1940, and he preceded her in death in April, 1979.

Surviving are a son, Gerald Glenn Stech Jr. of Kimmell; two daughters, Joy Elaine Griffith of Bedford and Joan Arlene Terrill of Howell; two brothers, Owen and Ralph Clevenger, both of Kokomo; three sisters, Doris Walker Turnbaugh of Edina, Mo., Juanita Best of Missouri and Joyce Burk of California; 15 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Kokomo First Church of the Nazarene, 2734 S. Washington St., Kokomo, with the Rev. Luke Turnbough officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Stech Family Fund, in care of Gerald and Rebecca Stech, 8808 West 225 South, No. 14, Kimmell, IN 46760.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2001

Willis Rowe

GARRETT — Willis L. Rowe, 83, died Friday, Nov. 16, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mr. Rowe was a World War II Navy veteran. He retired in 1980 after 20 years of service with the Garrett Street Department.

He was born Feb. 15, 1918, in Steuben County to Edgar W. and Jessy V. (Eachus) Rowe.

Surviving are his wife, Kathryn L. (Whysong) Rowe of Garrett; three sons, Wayne "Butch" Rowe of Garrett, Donald Rowe of Angola, and Willis Rowe Jr. of California; one daughter, Mary Ann Magginnis of Garrett; two stepsons, Oscar H. Curtland of Hudson and Donald Curtland of Garrett; one stepdaughter, Sharon Kay Zeigler of Garrett; one brother, Jim Rowe of Fort Wayne; one sister, Wilma Osmulski of Southgate, Mich.; 19 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Raymond and Joseph, one sister, Edna Hantz, and three grandchildren preceded him in death.

A graveside service will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett. The Rev. Ron Stambaugh, pastor of the Freewill Baptist Church in Waterloo, will officiate. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Garrett posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the family in care of the funeral home.

Marjorie L. Axtell

KENDALLVILLE — Marjorie L. Axtell, 88, died at 7:35 a.m. Friday, Nov. 16, 2001, at the Kingston Care Center, Fort Wayne.

She was born Dec. 2, 1912 to Elmer and Lozetta (Drenning) Sucher in Butler. She was preceded in death by he husband Jesse W. Hahn, who died in 1969, and a second husband, Carlyn Axtell, who died in 1984. Also preceding her in death were four brothers, three sisters and an infant sibling.

She was employed by General Electric, Fort Wayne, retiring in 1955 after 15 years of service. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Auburn.

She is survived by three nieces; Marcile Viers of Florida, Hilda Troyer of Illinois, and Patty Yerington of Michigan; several great-nieces and a great-nephew.

Visitation will be Monday from 2-6 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be Ossian Cemetery, Ossian.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, Fort Wayne.

Merrill Eugene Heeter

LAOTTO — Merrill Eugene Heeter, 87, LaOtto, died at 8:10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, 2001, at Byron Health Center, Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 11, 1914, in Wabash County to Harlin Heber and Dora Ellen Trump Heeter. He married Phyllis D. Plattner on May 16, 1941. She preceded him in death in 1999.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in World War II. He was discharged on Oct. 30 1945.

He retired from National Mill Supply in 1979 after 33 years of service.

He is survived by three sons, Terrance E. Heeter, Kenosha, Wis., Gregory A. Heeter, LaOtto and Ricky. D. Heeter, Bloomington; six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his parents and brother, Kenneth Heeter.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with grandson-in-law Michael Stanley officiating. Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery.

Sandra D. Beltz

HANOVER, Pa. — Sandra D. Beltz, 55, McSherrystown, Pa., died Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2001, at the Hanover Hall Nursing Center, Hanover, Pa.

She was born July 30, 1946, in Noble County to John and Novella (Ober) Diehm. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Hanover, Pa. She was employed by the church as a cleaning lady.

She is survived by her husband, Larry; two sons, Daren L. Beltz, Aberdeen, Md., and John P. Beltz, Grand Bay, Ala.; and one grandchild.

Services will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Hanover, Penn. Burial will be private. There is no viewing.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, 1 Center Square, Suite 4, Hanover, PA 17331, or St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 30 W. Chestnut St., Hanover, PA 17331.

Lester Acker Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Lester Dale Acker Sr., 74, died Thursday, Nov. 15, 2001, at 10:40 p.m. in Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Kendallville. He had been ill for three years.

Mr. Acker was a lifetime resident of the Kendallville area. He worked at Flint & Walling Manufacturing Co. for 35 1/2 years.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of American Legion Post 86 and Eagles Lodge 985, both in Kendallville.

He was born May 3, 1927, in Kendallville to Lester L. and Etta M. (Welsh) Acker.

He married Arnell Hollinger Day on May 21, 1991, in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Linda Huff of Houston; one son, Lester Acker Jr. of Colorado; one stepdaughter, Elita Day of Kendallville; two stepsons, David Day of LaGrange and Larry Day of Angola; 10 grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Wanda Goudy, and one grandson, Kevin Huff.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 p.m. in the funeral home.

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Lester E. Sherman

ALBION — Lester E. Sherman, 66, died Friday, Nov. 16, 2001, after collapsing at his home due to complications from a heart condition.

He was born on Dec. 28, 1934, in Arcola to Virgil C. and Edna Mae Butler Sherman. He married Lore Lee Beezley on Aug. 11, 1956, in Angola. She preceded him in death in 1995.

He served in the U.S. Army Reserves and was employed for 27 years by Portable Welding, Fort Wayne. He started Sherman Welding in 1986 and co-owned the business with his son, Todd, from 1993 until his retirement in 1995.

Mr. Sherman

He owned race cars and was a member of the Avilla Motor Speedway Hall of Fame and the Bae Field Raceway Hall of Fame. He was a member of the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, Merriam.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Marie Rose; five daughters, Charla (Mrs. Bruce) Baughman, Churubusco, Dodie (Mrs. Tony) Hart, Wolf Lake, Malinda S. Wert, Merriam, Elizabeth "Libby" Sherman and Donita "Doni" (Mrs. James) Marlow, both of Churubusco; four sons Thomas L. (wife Susan) Bare, Albion, Charles G. "Ted" Bare, Indianapolis, Todd (wife Joyce) Sherman, Churubusco and Chad (wife Penny) Sherman, Merriam; three stepsons, Ben (wife Dawn) Wheeler, Auburn, Jon Wheeler, Indianapolis, and Aaron Wheeler, Fort Wayne; one foster daughter, Lisa Allard, Columbia City; six brothers, Norman Sherman, Churubusco, Michael Sherman, Urbana, Ohio, Philip Sherman, Cromwell, Williard Sherman, Albion, Paul Sherman, New Haven, and Richard Sherman, Columbia City; four sisters Barbara Campbell, Big Lake, Nancy Sherman, Merriam, Kathy McClellan, Bear Lake, and Jennifer Patterson, Albion; 30 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Janice Mann, and two brothers, Kerry Sherman and Clyde Sherman.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, Merriam, with Pastor George Cecil officiating. Visitation will be at Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, Sunday from 4 -8 p.m. and Monday from 2-8 p.m., or at the church one hour before services. Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to the Cornerstone Christian School, Merriam.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2001

Dale Hippensteel

HUNTINGTON — Dale E. Hippensteel, 98, Huntington, died Saturday, Nov. 17, 2001, at The Heritage of Huntington.

Mr. Hippensteel was born Nov. 15, 1903, in Clear Creek Township, Huntington County, to Harvey R. and Fairia (Sprinkle) Hippensteel. He was a 1922 graduate of Clear Creek Township High School and attended Huntington College and Antioch College of Yellow Springs, Ohio. He married Thelma L. Wright on Feb. 28, 1935, in Plymouth. She survives.

Mr. Hippensteel was a lifetime Clear Lake Township farmer and had worked for Our Sunday Visitor in Huntington in the maintenance department. He had also been employed by Dana and General Electric in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of the National Farmers Union, Farm Bureau of Huntington and was a founding board member of the Rural Electric Membership Cooperative of Huntington.

Surviving with his wife are four sons and daughters-in-law, Peter and Delores Hippensteel of Angola, Bruce and Judith Hippensteel of Wolcottville, Stanley and Jean Hippensteel of Huntington and Kirk and Bonnie Hippensteel of Roanoke, Va.; one daughter, Lynn Hippensteel of South Venice, Fla.; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

No visitation is scheduled.

Private family memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice in care of the Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Marjorie Sherrick

COLDWATER, Mich. — Marjorie B. Sherrick, 87, Kinderhook Township, Mich., died Friday, Nov. 16, 2001, at the Community Health Center of Branch County, Coldwater, Mich.

Mrs. Sherrick was born Feb. 13, 1914, in Coldwater, to Elmer and Blanche (Bussing) Knauss.

She was retired as a secretary from Federal Mogul in Coldwater. She was a member of the Stokes Chapel United Methodist Church in Branch County and the AARP in Coldwater.

Surviving are two sons, Jack Sherrick and Larry Sherrick, both of Coldwater; a brother, Owen Knauss of Fremont; four sisters, Hester Whittaker of Coldwater, Vernice Rups of Plymouth, Mich., Kathryn Connor of Gig Harbor, Wash., and Barbara Bellaire of Elkhart; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday, with the Rev. Gayle Berntsen officiating. Burial will be in Mundy Cemetery, Branch County.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Romey McSorley

AUBURN — Romey C. McSorley, 83, died Saturday, Nov. 17, 2001, in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mr. McSorley was a tool maker for Dana Corp. in Auburn for 35 years, retiring in 1976. He served as Woodlawn Cemetery superintendent for 12 years and Roselawn Cemetery superintendent for four years.

He lived in Auburn and was a member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church and UAW Local 164, which he served as president for 18 years.

He was born Nov. 27, 1917, in Woodburn to William and Amanda J. (Mettert) McSorley.

He married Doris M. Gafken on March 12, 1940, in Indianapolis. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Ronald D. McSorley of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Judy E. Brisentine and Melanie F. Hervey, both of Auburn, and Brenda A. Havens of Porter; one brother, Arthur McSorley of Zephyrhills, Fla.; three sisters, Gladys R. Stewart of Fort Wayne and Margaret Niedert, both of Fort Wayne, and Carroll J. Baatz of Angola; five grandchildren, Anna, Nicholas and Charles Havens, Sara Brisentine and Anna Thompson; and one great-grandchild, Callie Brisentine.

One brother, William McSorley, and two sisters, Bonnie Miller and Nellie Burnes, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, with the Rev. Wayne Smith officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Parkinson's Disease Association, 1250 Hylan Blvd., Suite 4B, Staten Island NY 10305-1946.

John Sawicki

LIGONIER — John Sawicki, 74, of Ligonier, died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2001, at home.

He was a retired contractor and builder. He worked at Schuz Homes for 20 years and owned Sawicki Enterprises. He served in the Army and Air Force as a medic and was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier. He also worked as a volunteer building homes for Habitat for Humanity.

He was born July 30, 1927, in Aldercreek, N.Y., to Paul and Mary (Malinowski) Sawicki. On May 26, 1973, in Ligonier, he married Beatrice Nelson, and his wife survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Dorothy and Shirl Hall and Linda and Michael Merino, all of Ligonier; a stepdaughter and her husband, Mary and Sam Franklin of Lawrenceburg; two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Connie and Gerald and Monica Sawicki, all of Ligonier; a stepson and his wife, John and Carol Stanley of Roanoke; three sisters, Helen Greer of New Hartford, N.Y., Sophie Steates of Latham, N.Y., and Delores Carroll of Trinity, Ala.; 16 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Two brothers and four sisters preceded him in death.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St Patrick Catholic Church in Ligonier. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, with military rites.

Memorials are to Habitat for Humanity.

Frances Boger

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Frances M. Boger, 89, died Saturday, Nov. 17, 2001, at 10 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Boger worked at Federspiel Draperies in Spencerville and at Hicksville Greenhouses. She lived in Hicksville, residing at Southern Hills, and was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Harlan, where she was active in quilting.

She was born April 16, 1912, in Champaign, Ill., to George and Edith (Gold) Poisel.

She married Clyde D. Boger on June 26, 1929, in Fort Wayne. He died in 1974.

Surviving are three daughters, Donna Jean Begley of Hicksville, and Janice Burley and Arolas Franz, both of Hamilton Lake, Hamilton; three sons, Clyde "Dick" Boger of Oak Harbor, Ohio, Ralph Boger of Delta, Ohio, and Tom Boger of Wakarusa; four sisters, Helen Matson of Hicksville, Maxine Federspiel of Spencerville, Mildred Murphy of Jackson, Mich., and Arlene Kaiser of Albuquerque, N.M.; one brother, Lloyd Poise of Columbus, Ohio; one sister-in-law, Leota Poisel of Grabill; 27 grandchildren, 55 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Betty Hill and Vadys Poisel, one great-granddaughter and one great-great-granddaughter.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with the Rev. Penti Maki officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling is today after 4 p.m. and Tuesday after 9 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the activity fund at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Hicksville, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Elvie Frye

SHIPSHEWANA — Elvie H. Frye, 76, of Shipshewana, died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2001, at home.

A lifelong area resident, he was ordained a minister in 1969 and a bishop in 1971 in the Old Order Amish Church. He was current senior bishop, a farmer and carpenter.

He was born Sept. 23, 1925, in LaGrange County, to Henry S. and Lydia Ann (Troyer) Frye. On Dec. 8, 1949, in Sugar Creek, Ohio, he married Elsie Kaufman, and his wife survives.

Also surviving are six daughters and five sons-in-law, Susan Frye of Bad Pyrmont, Germany, Christina and Raymond Miller and Kathryn and Maynard Graber of LaGrange, Barbara and Lyle Sisbaugh of Milford, Mary Schlabach and Henry Jr. of Goshen and Martha and Nelson Schlabach of Topeka; a son and daughter-in-law, Nelson and Anna Mae Frye of Shipshewana; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Susan and Levi Yoder and Katie Yoder, all of Shipshewana, Edna and Freeman Miller of Millersburg and Ella and Elmer Wingard of Topeka; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Noah and Mary Frye of Middlebury, Calvin Frye of Bristol and Sam and Nancy Frye of Pensacola, Fla.; 37 grandchildren; and six great-grandsons.

A sister, Lovina Frye, and a brother, Joas Frye, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Jerry Schwartz in rural Shipshewana, with Bishop Menno Petersheim and Home Ministers officiating. Calling will be today and all day Tuesday at the family home. Burial will be in East Barrens Cemetery in Shipshewana. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Paul Miller

LIGONIER — Paul W. Miller, 17, of Ligonier, died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2001, in a Noble County automobile accident.

He was a lifelong area resident and employed with Merle Miller installing drywall.

He was born Aug. 6, 1984, in LaGrange County, to Willis R. and Anna (Fry) Miller. His parents survive.

Also surviving are two brothers, Lloyd and Larry, both at home; five sisters and two brothers-in-law, LeAnna and Jerry Miller and Norma and Nathan Yoder, all of Ligonier, and Betty, Marilyn and Neva Miller, all at home; and his paternal grandparents, Roman A. and Edna Miller of Fredericksburg, Ohio.

Services will be held Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at his parents' home in Ligonier, with Bishop Mervin M. Miller and the Rev. Harley D. Yoder officiating. Calling will be today after 2 p.m. and all day Tuesday at his family's home. Burial will be in Clear Spring Cemetery, Topeka.

Pallbearers will be Daniel Miller, Larry Bontrager, Marvin Troyer and Delmar Hostetler. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Gaddis

RICHMOND — Ruth E. Gaddis, 92, died Friday, Nov. 16, 2001, at Beverly Healthcare-Oakridge Rehabilitation in Richmond.

She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Anderson. She lived in Anderson for over 50 years before moving to Richmond in 1990.

She was born Oct. 22, 1909, in Richmond, to Charles and Eva Mae (Clark) Shaffer. Her husband, Harold B. Gaddis, died in 1985. Two sisters, Mildred Bettenbroke and Esther Minner, are also deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Robert Gaddis of Kokomo and David Gaddis of Richmond; a daughter, Lou Ann Smith of LaGrange; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Riggle-Walterman Mortuary, 32 S. 11th St., Richmond, with the Rev. John Hollis officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 4-7 p.m.

Scottie Seidel

KENDALLVILLE — Scottie Seidel, 79, died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2001, at home.

A 1940 graduate of Kendallville High School, she was employed as personnel manager at McCray Refrigeration until it closed, and then worked as a secretary for Flint & Walling Inc. Both jobs were in Kendallville. She was a member of Delta Theta Tau sorority and St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

She was born Sept. 30, 1922, in Kendallville, to Lakie and Maude (Wilson) Kizer. On Oct. 13, 1943, in Kendallville, she married Howard G. Seidel, and he survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter, Cynthia Barnett of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Ruth Seidel of Kendallville and Chris and Judi Seidel of Indianapolis; two sisters, Sue Henney and Bettie Smith, both of Kendallville; two grandsons, Brad and Chad Barnett of Kendallville; two granddaughters, Kristen Seidel of Kendallville and Tara Coolbaugh of Indianapolis; and four great-grandchildren;

Two brothers, Tom and Ariel Kizer, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to Early Adventures Child Care Center in Kendallville.

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Geraldine Kesler

CROMWELL — Geraldine D. Kesler, 95, formerly of Cromwell, died Friday, Nov. 16, 2001, in Home Hospital in Lafayette.

She was a Cromwell resident, and moved to Lafayette 13 years ago to be with her daughter and grandchildren. She began working in her family's drug store in Cromwell, and later retired as a teacher for Kimmell and Cromwell schools. She then learned the art of ceramics and opened a small shop in her home. She was a member of the Ligonier Business and Professional Women and the Cromwell United Methodist Church. She was a contributing writer for the Ligonier Leader and enjoyed many friends in Cromwell.

She was born July 27, 1927, in Centreville, Mich., to Harry and Nellie Hussey. On July 17, 1927, in Centreville, she married Richard Kesler, and he preceded her in death in 1964. A daughter, Patricia Krieg, is also deceased.

Surviving are a granddaughter and her husband, Krystyl and Jeff Sloan of Lafayette; a grandson, Kerry Krieg of Lafayette; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Cromwell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Calling will be one hour before services. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the church. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Susanna Miller

TOPEKA — Susanna "Sue" E. Miller, 91, died Monday, Nov. 19, 2001, at home.

She was a homemaker and moved to the area in 1960 from Hicksville, Ohio. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Sept. 4, 1910, in LaGrange County, to Ervin J. and Magdalena V. (Yoder) Miller. On Dec. 22, 1932, in Centreville, Mich., she married Freeman R. Miller, and he preceded her in death March 17, 2000. Two sisters, two brothers and two great-grandsons are also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Darla Mae and Freeman Hostetler of Topeka; a sister and brother-in-law, Elma and Orva Miller of Topeka; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Joe and Barbara Miller of Centreville and Freeman E. and Adella Miller of Hicksville; 14 grandchildren; and 40 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at the Perry Bontrager residence, 4975W C.R. 600S, Topeka, at 1 p.m. Wednesday, with Bishop Harvey Lambright and Home Ministers officiating. Calling will be today at her home. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Arthur Stillwell Sr.

ANGOLA — Arthur H. Stillwell Sr., 79, died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Stillwell was the retired owner of Accurate Truck Painting and Lettering in Chicago.

He was a member of Orland American Legion Post 423, Chicago Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite Valley of Chicago and Chicago Shrine Temple.

He was born Jan. 5, 1922, in Chicago to Arthur and Viola (Mann) Stillwell.

Surviving are his wife, Ann Marie (Tetloff) Stillwell of Angola; a son, Arthur H. Stillwell Jr. of Villa Park, Ill.; daughters Sharon A. Divis of Justice Ill., April J. Herron of Lockport, Ill., and Patti C. Danford of Angola; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A sister, Carol J. Conrad, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 3 p.m. (Indiana time) in Chapel Hill Gardens South in Oak Lawn, Ill.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola.

Margaret Savidge

ANGOLA — Margaret H. Savidge, 93, died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2001, at 11:30 a.m. in Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. Savidge was a homemaker and beautician, and formerly lived in Spencerville, Ohio. She was a high school graduate and attended business college in Texas.

She was born July 26, 1908 in Jacksboro, Texas, to Jefferson Price and Mary Elizabeth Kutch Hackley.

She married Earl Savidge on March 14, 1931. He died March 18, 1972.

Surviving are her nieces and caregivers, Wilma Truman of Las Vegas, Nev., Judy Wilges of Angola and Jayne Weese of Richland Hills, Texas, and several other nieces and nephews.

Nine brothers and sisters preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Spencerville Cemetery in Spencerville, Ohio, with the Rev. Oran L. Thomas officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Thomas E. Bayliff Funeral Home, Spencerville, Ohio, is in charge of arrangements.

Wayne Becker

LOS ANGELES — Wayne Meredith Becker, formerly of Kendallville, died Monday, Oct. 15, 2001, in California.

He was a Kendallville High School graduate and, with the help of a friend, organized the dedication of the Rome City bridge on U.S. 6. He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps for two years before accepting scholarships to study art in Fort Wayne and the Herron School of Art in Indianapolis.

He and his wife, the former Hazel Virginia Donat, moved to Los Angeles in 1941, where he worked as a mechanical engineer and industrial designer. He founded the company Imagineering, which produced products for various industries and enterprises. He designed and built his family home in Studio City, where he lived for 48 years.

He was born Aug. 16, 1916 in Kendallville to Timothy Peter and Grace (Weaver) Becker.

Surviving are his wife; a son, Wayne Michael Becker, PhD., J.D., of San Francisco; a daughter, Cindi Becker Lemkau; and a granddaughter, Heather Donat Lemkau, a student at the University of Connecticut.

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Stanley Glick

TOPEKA — Stanley N. Glick, 69, of Topeka, died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2001, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

He lived most of his life in LaGrange County and was self employed in the Amish transportation service. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Mr. Glick

He was born July 12, 1932, in LaGrange County, to Noah N. and Mary Nan (Christner) Glick. On Jan. 18, 1974, in Syracuse, he married Karen L. LeCount, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Monty and Marty Glick of LaGrange, Michael Reichert of Webberville, Mich., and Jay Reichert of Warsaw; a daughter, Annette Buck of Topeka; three sisters, Maggie Glick and Viola Farmwald, both of Wolcottville, and Ruby Nussbaum of Bristol; three brothers, Harvey C. and Walter N. Glick, both of LaGrange, and Gerald N. Glick of Shipshewana; 11 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Two daughters, Denise Marie and Pamela Sue Glick, a son, Mickey Coleman Glick, and a brother, Virgil Glick, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Robert LeCount officiating. Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery, Topeka, with military rites by American Legion Post 215 of LaGrange.

Memorials are to the family.

David Hostetler

MIDDLEBURY — David D. Hostetler, 75, of Middlebury, died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2001, at Elkhart General Hospital.

He was first a farmer in Wisconsin and then a foreman at Star Tank in Goshen for 19 years. He was a member of Griner Mennonite Church in Middlebury and was active in an outreach program at Sand Lake Chapel in Sand Lake, Wis. He was chairman of the board and announcer for Shell Lake Christian Radio in Shell Lake, Wis., a board member of Faith Mission and on the volunteer staff for Hope Rescue Mission.

Mr. Hostetler

He was born Jan. 4, 1926, in LaGrange County, to Mahlon and Lizzie (Schrock) Hostetler. On March 7, 1946, in Nappanee, he married Wilma Miller, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Loretta and Ephraim Martin of Middlebury and Shirley Hostetler of Phoenix, Ariz.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ernie and Linda Hostetler of Middlebury, Richard and Rose Hostetler of Nashwauk, Minn., and Duane Hostetler of Spring Lake, N.C.; eight sisters and four brothers-in-law, Ida and John Frey and Lizzie Ann and Melvin Lehman, all of Topeka, Anna Miller, Orpha Miller, Mary Etta and Ervin Eash and Leah Fern Hostetler, all of Shipshewana, Mable Mast of Ligonier, and Freida and Mahlon Raber of Middlebury; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Eldon and Esta Hostetler of Middlebury, Daniel Hostetler of Shipshewana and LaVern Hostetler of Wilmington, Ill.; 16 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A sister, Nina Hostetler, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Griner Mennonite Church in Middlebury, with the Rev. Harley Troyer and the Rev. Robert Riegsecker of the church officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in Griner Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials are to the church or Gospel Express. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Lawrence Nicholson

FORT WAYNE — Lawrence C. Nicholson, 81, formerly of Churubusco, died Monday, Nov. 19, 2001, at his daughter's Fort Wayne home.

He was the owner and operator of Nicholson's IGA in LaOtto for several years, and retired from Perfection Bakeries Inc., in Fort Wayne. A World War II Army veteran, he was a member of American Legion Post 47 in Fort Wayne, the Three Rivers Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Churubusco United Methodist Church. He graduated from Indiana University at Fort Wayne, and lived in the Churubusco area from 1951-1989.

Mr. Nicholson

He was born June 16, 1920, in Buffalo, N.Y., to Christian and Adelphia (Kinneman) Nicholson. On Dec. 22, 1945, in Fort Wayne, he married Doris M. Ruse, and she preceded him in death on Feb. 11, 1996. A brother, Arthur Nicholson, and a sister, Jeanne Janson, are also deceased.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Cynthia and Dr. J. David Yonkman of Fort Wayne, with whom he lived, and Janet and Michael LaRue of LaRue, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Cheryl Nicholson of Fishers; a brother, George Nicholson of Houston, Texas; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two nieces; and a nephew.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Churubusco United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs of the church officiating. Calling will be Friday from 6-8 p.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour before services at the church on Saturday. Three Rivers Masonic Lodge will conduct memorial services Friday at 7:45 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church or Parkview Home Health and Hospice, Fort Wayne. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Melvin Recht

ALBION — Melvin F. Recht, 79, of Albion, died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was employed at General Electric as a machinist and retired in 1981. A U.S. Navy veteran, he was a 50-year member of American Legion Post 246 and a life member of the Kendallville VFW. He was also a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion, the Albion Eagles Lodge 2455 and the Knights of Columbus, Fort Wayne.

He was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Doris M.; two daughters, Patricia Recht of Fort Wayne and Mary Woods of Garrett; a son, John, of Fort Wayne; three brothers, James, Walter and Jerome, all of Fort Wayne; a sister, Rita Hixon of Fort Wayne; three stepsons, David Roach of Delphos, Ohio, Michael Roach of Redwood Falls, Minn., and Dr. Philip Roach of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Beth Silkworth and Mary L. Miller, both of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and 10 stepgrandchildren.

His first wife, Ruth Creigh, preceded him in death in 1967, and a son, Daniel, a brother, Ervin, and three grandsons are also deceased.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held today at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, 7215 St. Joe Road. Burial with military rites by Albion American Legion Post 246 was in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care and Hospice or Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Masses.

Arrangements were by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Joseph Rhoades

LAGRANGE — Joseph C. Rhoades, 79, died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2001, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

He retired from AT&T as a supervisor in 1977 after 36 years of service. He served in the 1881st Aviation Engineers Battalion during World War II, and was a member of American Legion Post 215 in LaGrange. He was a past member of the LaGrange Rotary Club and was active in the Boy Scouts of America for 36 years. He was a member of Mount Zion Lutheran Church, LaGrange.

He was born Oct. 30, 1922, in Mendon, Ohio, to Earl M. and Goldie (Bisel) Rhoades. On June 14, 1947, in South Bend, he married Betty E. Rose, and she survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Steve Hickey of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Darl and Susan Rhoades of Littleton, Colo.; three brothers, Daniel D. Rhoades of Pomona, Calif., Charles L. Rhoades of South Bend and Jack A. Rhoades of Lexington, Ky.; 13 grandchildren, Dawn Rhoades and James Long, Jerrod, Nathan, Phillip and Jacqueline Rhoades, John, Jeff, Chad and Steve Hickey Jr., Bambi Sparkman and Mike and April Burger; and five great-grandchildren, Shelby, Damian and Autumn Long, Cory Rhoades and Max Burger.

He was preceded in death by a son, Dennis Rhoades, in 1993, and two brothers, Richard and Shirley Rhoades, and a sister, Vivian Markley.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Steven Flynn officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to Mount Zion Lutheran Church.

Daniel Doan

FORT WAYNE — Daniel J. Doan, 47, died Friday, Nov. 16, 2001, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Doan was a National Guard veteran and former employee of Valspar Paint Co. He was a member of Sons of the American Legion Post 409 in Leo.

Surviving are son, Nathan of Phoenix, Ariz.; a daughter, Stephanie McDonald of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Michael and Steven, both of Fort Wayne, and Kenneth of Garrett; and one granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred O. and Carol Doan.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Richard Nichter

KENDALLVILLE — Richard R. "Nick" Nichter, 76, died at 1:40 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 22, 2001, at his Kendallville residence.

On Oct. 22, 1925, in Fort Wayne, he was born to Clarence J. and Mary L. (Baker) Nichter. He married Fay L. Robinson on June 13, 1962 in Springfield, Ill. She preceded him in death on Oct. 7, 1993.

He worked for 22 years in sales for Fort Wayne Drug Company, Montgomery Ward and Nichter Decorating for 20 years before retiring in 1995.

Mr. Nichter was a 1943 Fort Wayne South Side High School graduate, a U.S. Marine Corps World War II veteran serving from 1943 to 1945, and a member of American Legion Post 86 and V.F.W. Post 2749 in Kendallville.

Surviving are: three sons, Robert Nichter, Columbia City, David Nichter, Auburn, and Richard Johnston, Fort Wayne; two daughters, Sandra Close, Columbia City, and Dawn Johnston, Angola; three sisters, Alice Henderson, Utah, Janet Morganthaller, Lake Wawasee, and Rita Gomez, Venezuela; two sisters-in-law, Jean Rickitts, Wyandott, Mich., and Diane Nichter, Rome City; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Two brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Kendallville VFW Post 2749 or to Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice.

Audra Holzworth

HARLAN — Audra M. Holzworth, 90, died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2001, at 4:30 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler. She had resided there for the past seven months.

Mrs. Holzworth previously had lived in Harlan. She worked at Universal Tool in Butler, retiring in 1976.

She was a former member of the Happy Hour Home Extension Homemakers Club of Scipio Township, Allen County.

She was born March 22, 1911, at Harlan to Albert B. and Jessie Cora (Huttenburg) Ward.

She married Henry D. "Hank" Holzworth at Harlan. He died June 4, 1979.

Surviving are one sister, Esther Applegate of Butler, and several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Wilbur, Wilmer, Robert and Dale Ward, and four sisters, Donna Wilmot, Virgie Anna Ward, Anna Myers and Edna Helen Ward.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio. Clarence Zimmerman will officiate. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery at Harlan.

Calling is today from 3-7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are the the Woodburn Christian Children's Home.

Doris Pardubsky

AMORY, Miss. — Doris (Littlefield) Pardubsky, 54, died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2001, in Amory, Miss., following an extended illness.

She was a native of Waterloo.

Surviving are her parents, Ray and Hazel Littlefield of Waterloo; her husband, Richard; and four sons, Brian Littlefield of Auburn, Michael of Searcy, Ark., Joel of Amory, Miss., and Jeff, stationed in Maryland with the U.S. Air Force; eight grandchildren, two brothers, three sisters and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Pickles Funeral Home, Amory, Miss.

Calling is tonight from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Ruthann Buttermore

AUBURN — Ruthann Buttermore, 77, died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2001, at her Auburn residence.

Mrs. Buttermore worked at Buttermore Appliance from 1985 until her retirement in 1989. Previously, she worked for Auburn Motor Sales from 1971-1980, DeKalb Memorial Hospital Central Supply from 1967-1971, and was a Welcome Wagon Hostess in the 1960s.

She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, the Auburn Arts Commission, the Auburn Improvement Association and Community Concerts of DeKalb County. She also served eight years on Auburn's Board of Zoning Appeals.

She was born in Bluffton on Jan 27, 1924, to Gerald and Agnes (Reiff) Russell.

Surviving are three sons and one daughter-in-law, Eric J. and Millie B. Buttermore of Kingwood, Texas, and Bradley R. Buttermore and Gregg J. Buttermore, both of Auburn; and one grandson, Adam B. Buttermore of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Roger Russell.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. William R. Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or Friends of Eckhart Public Library.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Lessie Teel

LIGONIER — Lessie E. Teel, 86, of Ligonier, formerly of Cromwell, died at 4:35 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 22, 2001, at Oak Leaf Village, Ligonier. She had been in failing health for about two months.

On May 29, 1915, she was born in Big Chimney, W. Va., to Harry and Amanda (Ashworth) Copen. She married Manuel R. Teel in Big Chimney on July 23, 1934.

Mrs. Teel was a homemaker, and enjoyed gardening, baking and cooking for her family.

Surviving are: a daughter, Patricia Slone, Ligonier; a sister, Eva Holden, Mile Fork, W. Va.; a daughter-in-law, Janet Teel, Cromwell; eight grandchildren, Christina, Allen, Wayne and Cindy, all of Indiana, and Vicki, Cathy, Mike and Chuck, all of West Virginia; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Her husband, two sons, Homer and David, a brother, and five half-sisters preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Rev. Harold Heaton officiating.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling will be from noon to service time on Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Hospice.

Area Deaths

BLUFFTON — **Ada "Maxine" Brotherwood**, 82, died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2001, in Bluffton. Services at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, Bluffton. Calling from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Dawn P. Lovely**, 46, died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2001, in Columbia City. Services at 3 p.m. Saturday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with calling one hour before services.

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Violet Pratt (Podrasky)

ANGOLA — Violet M. Pratt (Podrasky), 78, died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2001, at 6:50 p.m. in Doctors Hospital at Jackson, Mich.

Mrs. Pratt was a homemaker and a former Steuben County resident.

She was born July 4, 1923, in Steuben County to Clarence and Hazel (Weber) Norick.

Surviving are a son, John Podrasky of Jackson, Mich.; two daughters, Violet Puckett of Baton Rouge, La., and Betty Podrasky of Jackson, Mich.; two sisters, Lois Bonecutter of Hamilton and Evelyn Pollock of Angola; 10 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Sunday at 6 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Calling is Sunday from 3-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Gussie Stambaugh Faust

WATERLOO — Gussie Stambaugh Faust, 74, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2001, at her home in Waterloo.

Mrs. Faust and her husband owned and operated the H.J. Used Furniture Store in Waterloo. She also served as a hostess for the Country Hearth Inn at Auburn and worked at the Northway Inn of Auburn. She was member of the Freewill Baptist Church at Waterloo.

She was born April 9, 1927, in Paintsville, Ky., to Benjamin and Mary (Pack) Branham.

She married Harry Faust on Feb. 27, 1971, in Andrews. He died Nov. 26, 1998.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Phyllis Stambaugh of Wabash, Ronald and Freda Stambaugh of Waterloo and Richard and Tina Stambaugh of West Hills, Calif.; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a grandson, a brother and a sister.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Freewill Baptist Church of Waterloo. The Rev. James Price will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Freewill Baptist Church.

Olevia Keeler

ST. JOE — Olevia L. Keeler, 84, of St. Joe, died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2001, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Keeler worked as a bookkeeper for her family's business, Jiggs Motor Service in St. Joe. She was a loving mother and grandmother, who lived for her family and loved to read books.

She was born Jan. 2, 1917, in DeKalb County to Charles and Myrtle (Kalb) Metzer.

She married H. Ralph "Jiggs" Keeler in 1937 in Auburn. He died in 1981.

Surviving are two sons, Lonny L. Keeler of Fort Wayne and Tony L. Keeler of St. Joe; one daughter and son-in-law, Randa and Lloyd Germano of Fort Wayne; one sister, Daisy Kratzer of Garrett; three grandchildren, Simone Asher, Jermey Keeler and Ashley Keeler; and one great-grandchild, Gannon Asher.

Her parents, two brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Services will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Harvey Hacker will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Calling is today from 2-6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Dr. M.V. Lingle

CLEAR LAKE — Dr. M.V. Lingle, 92, died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2001.

Dr. Lingle was a summer resident of Clear Lake. He resided in Oakwood, Ohio.

He graduated from Ohio State University School of Medicine in 1936 and specialized in pedriatics and obstetrics-gynecology until his retirement in 1982.

He was a member of the American Medical Association, Montgomery County Medical Society and its 50-year club, Planned Parenthood of the Greater Miami Valley and the American Association of Family Practice Physicians. He was recognized for 50 years of service at Miami Valley Hospital and St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

He was a longtime member of The Lutheran Church of Our Savior. He served on the Selective Service board during World War II and was a member of Edon Lodge F&AM, Scottish Rite, Antioch Shrine and the Shriners Medical Unit.

His parents wree William and Christena Lingle.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Dorothy (Dickerson); two daughters and sons-in-law, Yvonne "Vonnie" and James Wiltsee and Jim and Karen France; a son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Lilli Lingle; a brother, Willis P.; three grandchildren, Sherry Bain and Garret and Logan Lingle; a great-grandson, Bric Bain; and numerous nieces, nephews and great-nieces and -nephews.

A private family burial in Glen Haven Cemetery will precede a public memorial service Monday at noon at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Oakwood. Pastor Gary Eichhorn will officiate.

Calling is Sunday from 1-4 p.m. at the Routsong Funeral Home, 2100 E. Stroop Road, Kettering, Ohio. Scottish Rite services will be held in the funeral home Sunday.

Memorials are to The Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 155 E. Thruston Ave., Dayton, OH 45419, or the Benevolent Fund of Bethany Lutheran Village, 6451 Far Hills Ave., Centerville, OH 45459.

Roselyn Hill

CHURUBUSCO — Roselyn M. (Krause) Hill, 69, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2001, in her home in Churubusco.

Born in Fort Wayne and a former resident of Story Lake, Mrs. Hill was a homemaker.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Barry L. and Linda K. Hill of Hudson and Kenneth G. and Karan S. Hill of Churubusco; four brothers, Charles D. Krause of Leo-Cedarville, and Richard O. Krause, Kenneth N. Krause and Ralph E. Krause, all of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Clint Hill of Churubusco, Kelli Hill of Fort Wayne, Deidra Dodd of Greenwood, Christa Rhinesmith of Avilla and Kevin Rhinesmith of Kendallville; and two great-grandchildren, Brittni and Korttni Dodd of Greenwood.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth A. Hill, in 1999, and a sister, Barbara Lauer.

Services will be held Monday at 3 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Entombment will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. and Monday from 2-3 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Whitley County Council on Aging.

J. Philip Bussell

AUBURN — J. Philip Bussell, 87, of Auburn, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2001, at 12:50 p.m. in Auburn.

Mr. Bussell had been a supervisor at Warner Gear in Auburn, where he worked 42 years before retiring in 1977.

He was a member of Auburn Masonic Lodge 214, Fort Wayne Valley of Scottish Rite Lodge, as a 32nd Degree Mason, and St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn.

He was born Jan. 20, 1914, in Rushville to Guy and Clara (Schaeffer) Bussell.

He married Helen L. Stebing in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Jayne and David McClellan of Auburn and Carol Reese of Auburn; two brothers, Clarence Bussell of Brentwood, Tenn., and Edgar Bussell of Edgar, Neb.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 W. Ninth St., Auburn. Pastor Thomas W. Vanselow will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the church. A Masonic service will be conducted Sunday at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is in charge of arrangements.

Sister Frances Ziebert

DAYTON, Ohio — Sister Frances Ziebert C.P.P.S., died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2001, at 5 p.m. in Dayton, Ohio.

She was a former staff member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at the mother house of the Sisters of the Precious Blood, 4849 Salem Ave., Dayton, Ohio, with a closing at 1:30 p.m.

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Margaret Haberly

FORT WAYNE — Margaret Seibert Haberly, 87, died Friday, Nov., 23 2001 at the Town House Retirement Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Haberly was a member of The Chapel in Fort Wayne, and a graduate of North Side High School and International Business College.

She was also chairwoman of the Ways and Means Committee and a sustaining member of the Fort Wayne Junior League, an active member of the Child Study Club, the Howe Military School Mother's Club, president of the Fort Wayne Art League afternoon group, a Boy Scout den mother, a Brownie troop leader, and active member of the American Bonsai Society. She donated several Bonsai trees to the Performing Arts Center Garden.

Mrs. Haberly was born in Fort Wayne on July 21, 1914 to Otto W. and Velma (Ormsby) Seibert.

On Nov. 27, 1937, she married H. Paul Haberly, Sr.

Surviving are one son, H. Paul (Skip) Haberly, Jr. of Fort Wayne; daughter, Mary Louise Fisher of Fremont; grandsons, James and Andrew Haberly; granddaughters, Laura Hamilton and Melissa Wray; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. Tuesday, at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Calling will be one hour prior.

Preferred memorials may be made to The Chapel in Fort Wayne or the Macular Degeneration Foundation of San Jose, Calif.

Billy Hofferman

GARRETT — Billy C. Hofferman, 71, died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2001, at his home on Quincy Street.

Mr. Hofferman was a retired freight conductor on the B & O Railroad. He was also a Korean War veteran and a member of the United Transportation Union, Garrett American Legion and the Garrett Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born on April 28, 1930 to Erhart C. and Margie G. (Hisey) Hofferman.

Surviving are his son, Mike Hofferman of Phoenix, Ariz.; daughters, Donna Hofferman of Garrett and Debra Hofferman of Ashley; and six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dolores L. Hofferman; daughter, Pat Hofferman; brother, Edward Hofferman; and a granddaughter, Tammy Hofferman.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry, Jr. officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Donna Hofferman Trust Fund in care of Garrett State Bank.

Arrangements are by Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Emma Witt

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Emma M. Witt, 93, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2001, at The Cedars.

Mrs. Witt was a homemaker and a member of the Leo United Methodist Church.

She was born Jan. 6, 1908 in Corunna to Frank and Bertha (Rowe) Tuttle.

Surviving are son, James Witt of Jacksonville, Fla.; grandson, Andrew Witt of Jacksonville, Fla.; and sisters, Ruby Schurr of Hudson, Juanita Smith of Kendallville and Marvel Ehresman of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville. Calling will be Monday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice of Fort Wayne.

Former Noble County Sheriff Don Leitch dies

KENDALLVILLE — Donald R. Leitch, 76, who served as sheriff of Noble County from 1983-86, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2001 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Leitch

Mr. Leitch was born in Green Township on Jan. 6, 1925 to James Malcom and Minnie (Shultz) Leitch. He graduated from Avilla High School in 1943. He was also a World War II U.S. Navy Veteran and member of American Legion Post 86 and the Indiana Sheriff's Association.

He worked 27 years for the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

On Oct. 15, 1944, he married Betty J. Pontius. She died Sept. 27, 1981. On Dec. 4, 1982, he married Janet Smith Biddle in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Craig (Karen) Munk of Kendallville; a brother, Robert Leitch of Kissimmee, Fla.; two sisters, Cleo Harter of Fort Wayne and Laurie Herendeen of Bronson, Mich.; a granddaughter, Aren Howell of Fishers; a stepson and his wife, Michael and Wendy Biddle of Rome City; two step-grandsons, Philip and Brian Biddle; and one step-greatgrand-daughter, Madison Biddle.

He was preceded in death by five sisters, five brothers, one son and one granddaughter.

Services will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church officiating.

Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery near Wolcottville. Calling will be 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ronald McDonald House at Parkview Hospital Fort Wayne.

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Donna Temple

KENDALLVILLE — Donna L. Temple, 78, died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2001, at 1:10 p.m. at Kendallville Manor Heathcare Center.

The Avilla High School graduate retired in 1985 as a nurses' aide at McCray Memorial Hospital after 20 years. She was a member of South Milford Church of Christ.

She was born July 14, 1923, in LaOtto to Emery and Lillie (Matthews) Kistler. On July 13, 1946, in Kendallville, she married Donald Temple, who survives there.

Also surviving are a son, Rick Temple of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Bonnie and Marvin Hart of Kendallville and Debbie and Danny Smith of Leburn, Ky.; two sisters, Eiline Temple and Helen Wiles, both of Kendallville; a brother, Darold Kistler of Kendallville; seven granddaughters, Lisa Householder of Fort Wayne, Angela Brunson of Wolcottville, Jaime Bailey of Indianapolis, Shauna Hart and Ashley Hart, both of Kendallville, Danielle Smith of Somerset, Ky., and Donna Smith of Leburn; a grandson, Caleb Temple of Kendallville; and four great-grandchildren.

A brother, Willis Kistler, preceded her in death.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Michael Booher officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Marwin Horrom

SEBRING, Fla. — Marwin Daniel Horrom, 86, of Sebring, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2001.

Mr. Horrom was the vice president of the Bank of Montpelier in Montpelier, Ind. and owned Horrom Insurance Agency.

In Montpelier, he served as mayor from 1976-1980 and was a Master Mason in Montpelier Masonic Lodge 600, a trustee and very active member of the First United Methodist Church, and city chairman for the Salvation Army for 30 years.

Since 1985, he had been a resident of Sebring, where he was past president of the Sebring Hills Association, a member of the American Legion, a past president and board of directors member of Meals On Wheels, and a member of St. John United Methodist Church.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born Sept. 3, 1915, in Farmington, Minn., to Lyman Timothy Horrom and Mertie L. (Prince) Horrom.

Surviing are his wife, Barbara Jean; four sons, Daniel of Denver, David of Kokomo, Herb of Auburn and Richard of Montpelier; a brother, Lauren of Sturgis, Mich.; a sister, Eleanor Farmer of Sebring; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home Chapel, 2501 Fairmount Drive, Sebring. The Rev. Dean Brown will officiate.

Memorials are to Meals On Wheels, 3011 Kenilworth Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870.

Alice Anderson

ANGOLA — Alice E. Anderson, 67, died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2001, at 2:55 p.m. in Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Anderson was a homemaker in rural Angola and member of Carroll Road Christian Fellowship in Fort Wayne.

She was born Jan. 3, 1934 in Muskegon, Mich. to Thomas and Elizabeth Kay (Manners) Norris.

Surviving are her husband, Arthur G. Anderson of Angola; two sons, Kenneth Wayne Anderson of Fort Wayne and Vincent Lewis Anderson of Angola; two daughters, Vicki Lynne DeKoninck of Corunna and Kathy Sue McNamee of Indianapolis; two sisters, Margaret Bluhm of Muskegon, Mich. and Mary Priest of Muskegon, Mich.; a brother, William Norris of Muskegon, Mich.; and seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Calvary Chapel Worship Center, County Road 427 South, Auburn. Burial will be in a cemetery in Huntertown.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Hockmeyer and Miller Funeral Home, 6131 Saint Joe Road, Fort Wayne, and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Services will be conducted by Bishop Paul E. Paino, the Rev. Paul C. Paino and the Rev. Phil C. Paino.

Memorials are to Carroll Road Christian Fellowship.

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Jon Kief

COLUMBIA CITY — Jon Adam Kief, 40, died at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2001, at Little Indian Lake in Whitley County, where he drowned as a result of a boat capsizing.

He moved to Columbia City seven years ago after living in Ligonier most of his life. He worked for Bailey Construction and enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He was born June 11, 1961, in Goshen to James and Barbara (Staton) Kief. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a sister, Kellie Kief-Terry of Kendallville; a brother, Joe Johnson of Ligonier; and five nephews.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Jim Farrer of Ligonier United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Billy Hofferman

GARRETT — Billy C. Hofferman, 71, died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2001, at his home on Quincy Street.

Mr. Hofferman was retired from his career as a freight conductor on the B&O Railroad. He was a Korean War veteran and a member of the United Transportation Union, the Garrett post of the American Legion and the Garrett post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born April 28, 1930, to Erhart C. and Margie G. (Hisey) Hofferman.

Surviving are a son, Mike Hofferman of Phoenix, Ariz.; two daughters, Donna Hofferman of Garrett and Debra Hofferman of Ashley; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dolores L. Hofferman; a daughter, Pat Hofferman; a brother, Edward Hofferman; and a granddaughter, Tammy Hofferman.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, near Garrett, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry, Jr. officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Donna Hofferman Trust Fund in care of Garrett State Bank.

Arrangements are by Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Elaine Hodson

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Elaine E. Hodson, a former Angola resident, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2001, in Rochester, N.Y.

She was a former teacher and member of Alpha Chi Sorority and P.E.O.

Her husband, Darrel L. Hodson, preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, John D. Hodson of Rochester and James L. Hodson of Maryland; two grandchildren, Sommer L. and Seth R. Hodson; one niece and four nephews in Indiana.

Services will be held today at 1 p.m. in Grace United Methodist Church in Kokomo. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy.

Memorials are to The Storehouse, in care of Asbury First United Methodist Church, 1050 East Avenue, Rochester NY 14607.

Anthony Funeral Chapel, Rochester, was in charge of arrangements.

Mary M. Keesler

Fort Wayne — 1922-2001

Mary M. Keesler, 79, of Fort Wayne, a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, died Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital.

The St. Joe native was a homemaker. Surviving are her son, Michael of Fort Wayne; a brother, Max W. Wiers of Livonia, Mich.; sisters Shirley Lee of Altmont, Mich., and Marianne Wood of Taylor, Mich.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Merl; two sisters and three brothers. Services are 11 a.m. Friday at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 2305 Goshen Road, with calling following services. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery. Memorials are to the church.

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Information provided by C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., 422-4232.

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Cleon Kain

ORLAND — Cleon E. "Pee Wee" Kain, 73, died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2001, in his home in Orland.

Mr. Kain was retired as a machinist supervisor for Dana-Weatherhead in Angola and was a U.S. Navy veteran. He was a member of Orland American Legion Post 423 and of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 1568 in Angola.

He was born Feb. 29, 1928, in Nevada Mills in Steuben County to Cleo and Josephine (Webb) Kain.

He married Hazel I. (Stayner) Kain on June 23, 1946, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Karol and William Booth and Corrine and Peter Putman, all of Angola, and Connie and Jerry Bystry of Orland; two sons and daughters-in-law, Rick and Janet Kain and Kevin and Kellie Kain, all of Orland; one sister, Margaret Jacob of Bradenton, Fla., two brothers, Fred Kain and Donald Kain, both of Orland; 11 grandchildren and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, John and Glen.

There will be no service or calling.

Memorials are to the Orland post of the American Legion or Cameron Home Health Care & Hospice.

Arrangements were made by Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Lowell Stump

WHEAT RIDGE, Colo. — Lowell A. Stump, 71, of Wheat Ridge, Colo., died Nov. 17, 2001.

He retired from the U.S. Air Force after 22 years, attaining the rank of chief master sergeant.

He was born Nov. 16, 1930, in Kimmell, to Asa and Pearl Stump.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia; a brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Lois Stump of Ligonier; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Evelyn Gaerte of Albion and Ruby and Fred Campbell of Sebring, Fla.

Services were held Wednesday at 9 a.m. at Olinger Crown Hill Chapel. Burial was in Fort Logan Cemetery, with full military honors.

Memorials are to the Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum, 7711 E. Academy Blvd., Denver, Colo., 80230-6929.

Gladys Robinson

LIGONIER — Gladys L. Robinson, 80, died Monday, Nov. 26, 2001, at Oak Leaf Village.

She lived her entire life in northern Indiana, including the towns of Albion, Garrett and Ligonier. She owned and operated a beauty shop in Garrett and also worked as a cook for the B&O Railroad.

She was born Jan. 24, 1921, in Knox to Ray and Bessie (Reed) Downey. In October 1951, in Knox, she married John J. Robinson, and he preceded her in death 18 years ago.

Surviving are a sister, Wanetta G. Stanton of Diamond Lake, Mich.; two sisters-in-law, Peggy Heffner and Mary Jane Gorsuch, both of Kimmell; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Randy Miller officiating. Calling will be one hour before services. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorials in lieu of flowers are to the American Heart Association.

Clela McDonald

LAGRANGE — Clela M. McDonald, 92, died Monday, Nov. 26, 2001, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

She lived all her life in LaGrange County and was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ.

She was born March 10, 1909, in LaGrange County to Burdette Clay and Mabel (Coney) Hayward. On Aug. 2, 1930, in LaGrange she married Kenneth A. McDonald, and he preceded her in death Jan. 13, 1995. A brother, Cecil Hayward, and a niece, Margaret Snyder, are also deceased.

Surviving is a nephew, Gale Hayward of LaGrange.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Michael Booher officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Michael Ford

LAGRANGE — Michael R. Ford, 7, died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2001, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

He was a second-grade student at Parkside School.

He was born April 4, 1994, in LaGrange, to James and Maleasa (Ford) Denaway.

Surviving are his father, of Constantine, Mich.; his mother, of LaGrange; two sisters, Ashley and Alexie Denaway of Constantine; a brother, Andrew Denaway of Constantine; his maternal grandmother, Betty Ford of LaGrange; his paternal grandparents, Carl and Cathey Stoltz of Topeka; his paternal grandfather, James Denaway of Bloomington; and his maternal great-grandmother, Roberta Grubb of Howe.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Shoup-Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Frank Hall

MARTIN, Ky. — Frank Dean Hall, 40, died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2001, in Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin, Ky., after an extended illness.

Mr. Hall had been employed as a disabled tree trimmer.

He was born Aug. 24, 1961, in Warsaw to William H, and Ann (Slone) Hall. His mother survives in Blue River, Ky.

Also surviving are his fiancee, Lynn Castle; two daughters, Amanda Hall of Blue River, Ky., and Jessica Hall of Mesick, Mich.; two brothers, Nathan Hall and Jason Hall, both of Mesick, Mich.; seven brothers and sisters, James Stanley of Blue River, Ky., Henry Hall of Angola, Charles Hall of Kendallville, Arthur Hall of Angola, Rick Hall of Johnson City, Ill., Mike Hall of Fremont and Billy Hall of Illinois; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Kay and Richard Spurgeon of Fremont and Lisa and Adron Burchett Jr. of Ivel, Ky.; an uncle, Frank Hall of Rome City; an aunt, Norma Shepherd; 29 nieces and nephews; and several great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Joann Hall.

Services were held Wednesday, Nov. 21, in Martin, Ky.

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Mary Shue

ANGOLA — Mary L. Shue, 80, died Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2001, in Carlin Park Healthcare Center of Angola.

Mrs. Shue was a homemaker and a member of Grace Baptist Church.

She was born Jan. 15, 1921, in Stroh to Stephen and Mary (Zonker) Lower.

She married Louie Shue in 1966. He died Oct. 9, 2001.

Surviving are a son, John Shatto of Waterloo; a daughter, Pauline Burniston of Auburn; a sister, Kathryn Thompson of Butler; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Lower; a sister, Elizabeth Smith; and a half-brother, Paul Johnson.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with Dr. Bob Koenig officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Milton Christlieb

ALTONA — Milton W. Christlieb, 86, died Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2001, at 4 a.m. at his home in Altona.

He had been in declining health for some time and was seriously ill for the past four weeks.

Mr. Christlieb grew up on a farm near Avilla and had lived in DeKalb County since 1939. He was a farmer for 26 years and moved to Altona after selling the family farm in 1961. He was self-employed as the owner and operator of Altona Plumbing and Heating for 11 years, retiring in 1976.

He was a member of Garrett Eagles Aerie 1357 for over 50 years and was also a member of Auburn Moose Lodge 566. He enjoyed fishing and woodworking.

He was born March 16, 1915, in Swan Township, Noble County, to Frank and Bessie (Addis) Christlieb.

He married Lucy Marie Anderson on Nov. 14, 1932, in Churubusco. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Vivian and Max DePew of Fort Wayne, Doris Jean Jones of Fort Wayne, and Fay and Howard Holbrook of Garrett; a son and daughter-in-law, Lee F. and Janice Christlieb of Avilla; one sister, Dortha Ramsey of Churubusco; one brother, Paul A. Christlieb of Churubusco; 14 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Evelyn Yoquelet; two brothers, Richard Christlieb and Frank Christlieb; and a great-grandson, Austin McKinney.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco. Lloyd Mealer, minister of the Garrett Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery, southwest of Avilla.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Louise Omo

COLDWATER, Mich. — Louise M. Omo, 82, died Saturday at home.

A Fort Wayne native, she lived in Coldwater, Mich.

Surviving are her husband, LeRoy Omo; two daughters, JoAnn Watts of Kendallville and Karen Omo of Fort Wayne; a son, Joseph Omo of Fort Wayne; a sister, Hilda Hazelwood of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to Community Health Center Hospice Program.

Arrangements were by Gillespie Funeral Home Inc., Coldwater.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2001

Patricia Rosendale Brown

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Patricia Rosendale Brown, 78, died Monday, Nov. 26, 2001, at 5:30 p.m. in The Toledo Hospital.

Mrs. Brown lived in Defiance. She was a case worker for the Defiance County Welfare Department and worked at Hoyt Hardware.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the American Legion Auxiliary, which she served as a past president, and Defiance Eastern Star.

She was born Sept. 10, 1923, in Defiance to Homer and Florence (McMillen) Goltzene.

She was married to Mirl Rosendale from 1945 to 1962. He preceded her in death. She married her second husband, Frank Brown, in 1979. He died in 1989.

Surviving are one son, Thomas Rosendale of Defiance; one daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Robert Sims of Angola; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by one brother, H.H. "Bud" Goltzene.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home in Defiance. The Rev. Robert Sims will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Defiance.

Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home, with anAmerican Legion service at 11:30 a.m..

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio, Defiance County Chapter.

Karen Thrine

GASTON — Karen L. Thrine, 64, of Gaston, died Monday at her Washington Township home.

Thrine

She was a 1955 graduate of Gaston High School and a 1959 graduate of DePauw University. She served with the U.S. Marine Corps and then returned to Gaston in 1961. She assisted her parents in the operation of Collins IGA Supermarket in Gaston and co-owned the business for five years. She was also employed as a tax preparer for H&R Block in Muncie, and had worked as an accountant in the offices of Marsh Supermarkets in Indianapolis since 1992. She was a member of the Gaston United Methodist Church and its choir, in addition to the Women of the Moose of Muncie.

She was born June 15, 1937, in Blackford County, to H. Cleo and Betty M. (Hanes) Collins.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Christie and Todd Dorste of Imperial, Pa.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary Joe and Kim Thrine of Roswell, N.M., and Bradley Thrine of Muncie; and four grandchildren, Mackenzie and Collin Thrine and Rachel and Ryan Dorste.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Gaston United Methodist Church, with the Rev. John M. Long officiating. Calling will be Friday at the church from 5-8 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Saturday. Burial will be in Thompson Cemetery.

Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements. Memorials are to Gaston United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Dawn Dooley

LAGRANGE — Dawn P. Dooley, 74, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001, at 7:10 a.m. in Elkhart Rehabilitation Center.

Mrs. Dooley was retired from Elkhart Community Schools, where she worked as a secretary at the Career Center. She lived in rural LaGrange County and was a member of Central Christian Church in Elkhart.

She was born Jan. 28, 1927, in Ambridge, Pa., to John S. and Sarah (Cullen) Truhan.

She married William Pratt in 1946 and he died in 1976.

She married Edward G. Dooley on June 5, 1982, in Elkhart, and he survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, William and Ineke Pratt of Elkhart, Timothy and Marcia Pratt of Elkhart, Douglas and Anita Pratt of Plano, Texas, and Jeffrey Pratt of Elkhart; two stepsons and their wives, Philip and Mary Dooley of Auburn and Edward "Ned" and Nancy Dooley of Fort Wayne; two brothers and one sister-in-law, John Truhan of Auburn Hills, Mich., and Daniel and Mary Jo Truhan of Warren, Ohio; one sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Norman Niswonger of Youngstown, Ohio; and 17 grandchildren.

A sister preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Central Christian Church of Elkhart, with calling there after 10 a.m. The Rev. John Hart will officiate. Burial will be in Rice Cemetery, Elkhart.

Additional calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home, Elkhart.

Memorials are to United Parkinson's Association, Chicago.

Russell Hippenhammer

LIGONIER — Russell Dean Hippenhammer, 65, of Ligonier, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001, at home.

He had retired from Johnson Controls and loved to hunt and fish. He was a member of the National Rifle Association, Bass Masters and the North American Fishing Club, and was a life member of the North American Hunters.

Surviving are his wife, Dennille (Donley) Hippenhammer, his mother, Ople Fletcher, a son, a daughter, a brother and two sisters.

There will be no services or calling. Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of local arrangements.

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Vivian Machan

MESA, Ariz. — Vivian L. Machan of Mesa, Ariz., 77, formerly of LaGrange, died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2001.

She had worked at Weavers Meat Locker and the W.R. Thomas store in LaGrange. She loved working in her yard, playing Yahtze, reading and collecting Garfield items. She was noted for her generosity.

She was born June 7, 1924, in LaGrange County, to Lloyd and Mabel (Bedford) Shafer. On Oct. 4, 1942, she married Ralph W. Machan, and he preceded her in death Sept. 19, 1989. An infant son, Michael, and a sister, Margie, are also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Janice Potts of Sturgis, Mich.; two granddaughters and their husbands, Amy and Allen Burr of Sturgis and Michelle and Don Hennessee of McMinnville, Tenn.; two grandsons, Richard Potts and his wife, Jennifer, of Nottawa, Mich. and Mitchell Johnson of McMinnville, Tenn.; and seven great-granchildren, Michael and Angelica Muino of Sturgis, Ryan Miller, Andrea Long and Megan Potts of Nottawa and Denice and Zach Hennessee of McMinnville.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Martha and Titus Speicher of LaGrange; three brothers, Dale Shafer of LaGrange, Arnold Shafer of Mesa and Lloyd Shafer Jr. of White Pigeon, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society, with envelopes for donations available at the funeral home.

Helen Heffley

COLUMBIA CITY — Helen June Heffley, 74, of the Columbia City and Churubusco areas, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

A lifelong homemaker, she enjoyed her family, gardening and all kinds of animals.

She was born June 9, 1927, in Fort Wayne, to Harold and Elva (Ellis) Timmerman. She was raised in Spencerville and graduated from Leo High School in 1944. On Dec. 7, 1946, in Auburn, she married Harold D. Heffley, and he preceded her in death on March 15, 1972. The couple lived in Auburn, Fort Wayne and Tri-Lakes.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Leon and Toni Heffley and Brooks Heffley, all of Columbia City, and Robert and Karen Heffley of Bear Lake; her mother, Elva Garlets of Columbia City; a brother and sister-in-law, Don E. and Sally Timmerman of Churubusco; a sister, Glenna N. Oakes of LaOtto; three granddaughters, Angie Connett and Nicki and Holly Heffley; a step-grandson, Kevin Kennedy; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Calling will be Friday from 5-8 p.m. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Yvonne Alverio

MASON CITY, Iowa — Yvonne B. Alverio, 55, died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2001, at her Mason City home.

She was a world traveler and kind and loving mother and grandmother.

She was born Feb. 14, 1946, in Honolulu, Hawaii, to Jesus M. and Emma (Beauchamp) Alverio.

She is survived by three children, Tammy Monahan and her husband, Kevin, of Ligonier, Shannon Puckett of Mason City and Terry Puckett of Rock Island, Ill.; four grandchildren, Daniel, Dustin, Matthew and Michael; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Julio and Elaine, Kenneth and Dolly and Larry and Cathy Alverio, all of Honolulu; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Shirley and Gary Ferreira and Belinda and Junior Lauanui, all of Honolulu; and a sister-in-law, Olivia Alverio.

Alverio

A brother, Frank, and a nephew, Jeremy Ferreira, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, with the Rev. Bill Parks officiating. Calling will be today from 4-6 p.m. at Hogan Bremer Colonial Chapel in Mason City.

Memorials are to the Yvonne B. Alverio Memorial Fund. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of local arrangements.

Vernon Kane

KENDALLVILLE — Vernon J. Kane, 86, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a retired Magnavox maintenance worker.

He was born Feb. 26, 1915, in Kankakee, Ill., to Morris and Mary (Anna) Kane. On July 13, 1941, in Albion, he married Mildred Herendeen, who survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son, Michael Kane of Englewood, Fla; a daughter, Lynnette Rao of Deerfield Beach, Fla.; a sister, Yvonne Davis of Las Vegas; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Three brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. There will be no calling. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

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Herman Smith

COLUMBIA CITY — Herman E. Smith, 80, a resident of Old Lake, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001, at his home.

He was employed at International Harvester for 32 years and was a fireman for the Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Department for 31 years. He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church and a former member of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Waynedale.

He was born May 20, 1921, in Union City, Ohio, to Clinton and Alice Mae (Sullenbarger) Smith. He was raised and educated in Van Wert and Darke counties in Ohio. On Oct. 7, 1944, he married Ethel Belle Miller, and the couple lived first in Waynedale and then at Old Lake. His wife survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David L. and Brenda Smith of Union City; a daughter and son-in-law, Marjorie and Warren "Buck" Lopshire of Albion; four grandchildren, Donald Smith and his wife Sheri, Keith and Shane Lopshire and Jennifer Lenker; a great-grandson, Ryan Smith; a brother, Orla Smith of Portland; and a sister, Pearl Stump of New Weston, Ohio.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Judith Follis of Hope Lutheran Church officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Hope Lutheran Church building fund.

George Ryan

ANGOLA — George S. Ryan, 81, of Angola, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001, in Carlin Park Healthcare Center at Angola.

Mr. Ryan served in the U.S. Army as an entomologist from 1942 to 1946. He was a member of American Legion Post 31 in Angola.

He owned Ryan's Greenhouse and was self-employed as a painter and roofer. He was a chemistry lab assistant at Tri-State University in Angola from 1967 through 1972.

He was born April 29, 1920, in Kinderhook, Mich., to Rufus and Imo (Coppes) Ryan.

Military graveside services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Fremont Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 6-8 p.m. in Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola.

Memorials are to the Heart Association or Lung Association.

Jerry Christen

SOUTH MILFORD — Jerry G. Christen, 65, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

He retired from his job as a supervisor at ARC of LaGrange County in 1997. He was a member of the South Milford Community League and an avid golfer.

He was born June 19, 1936, in Fort Wayne, to Harold and Elsie Christen. On June 16, 1960, in Las Vegas, he married Carol Coburn, and she survives in South Milford.

Also surviving are a brother, Jack Christen of Farmington Hills, Mich.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to South Milford Community League.

Patricia Miller

WAWAKA — Patricia J. "Pat" Miller, 55, of Wawaka, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001, at the home of her son, Scott, in Albion.

She was a homemaker who lived in Wawaka for 18 years and enjoyed reading, painting and watching the Indiana Pacers.

She was born Aug. 20, 1946, in Kendallville, to Elmer and Annabel (Fike) Strater. On June 20, 1965, in Kendallville, she married Floyd L. Miller, and he preceded her in death on May 28, 1997.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Annabel Strater Growcock and Bill Growcock of Wawaka; a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Julie Miller of Albion; three grandchildren, Justin, Nicholas and Holly Miller; a son, Mark Miller and family, of Wolcottville; and a brother, Paul Strater of Yakima, Wash.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Orange Cemetery in Rome City. Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Shannon Teegardin

CHURUBUSCO — Shannon Rena Teegardin, 26, of Churubusco, died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2001, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

She was an assembler for Tower View Industries for seven years. She attended Nine Mile United Methodist Church.

She was born Sept. 14, 1975, in Auburn.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Karen and Roy Buskirk of Fort Wayne; her father, Owen Teegardin of Fort Wayne; a brother, Shawn Teegardin of Fort Wayne; a stepsister, Michelle Buskirk of Goshen, Ky.; a stepbrother, Matthew Buskirk of Fort Wayne; and a grandmother, Lois Charleswood of Waterloo.

She was preceded in death by one stepbrother, Michael Buskirk.

Services will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. at Nine Mile Methodist Church, 6303 Winters Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Nine Mile-Maplelawn Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 3-8 p.m. at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne, and Sunday from noon-1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Gideons and Special Olympics of Indiana Area 3.

Infant Samuel Post

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Samuel Jacob Post died a few minutes after his birth Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2001, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was the son of Randy and Shelly Myers Post.

Also surviving are two brothers, Nicholas and Alexander Post, both at home; his grandparents, Paul and Marjorie Myers of Hicksville and Larry and Jackie Post of Angola; and a great-grandmother, Belva Smith of Hicksville.

Private services will be held in Forest Home Cemetery of Hicksville at a later date. The Rev. Penti Maki, pastor of Hicksville St. John Lutheran Church, will officiate.

Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy McCormick

ANGOLA — Dorothy A. McCormick, 76, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001, at her Angola home.

She was an assistant administrator for the Steuben County Home for 15 years and worked as a telephone operator for General Telephone for 15 years.

Mrs. McCormick was a member of the Mount Zion United Methodist Church and the Ladies Aid of the church.

She was also a past president of Pleasant Lake Study Club, a former treasurer of the Steuben County Associated Churches, and a member of the Northeast Indiana Activities Directors Association.

She served on the Steuben County Board of Health for several years, was a member of the board of directors of Project Help and worked with the community youth program.

Angola Business and Professional Women honored her as Woman of the Year.

She was born March 27, 1925, in Steuben County to Wymond and Pauline (Shumaker) Hoyer Sr.

She married Franklin McCormick on Nov. 3, 1943. He died Feb. 15, 2000.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Roxanne McCormick of Kendallville and Ronald and Sandy McCormick of Angola; one daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Bill Arnold of Angola; one brother, Rex Hoyer of Crystal River, Fla.; one sister, Barbara Sams of Hudson; 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one stepgreat-grandchild.

A great-grandson, Logan McCormick, a brother, Wymond Hoyer Jr., and a sister, Patricia Perkins, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Susan Beckett officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Mount Zion United Methodist Church or the Associated Churches of Steuben County.

Helen Michael

FORT WAYNE — Helen H. Michael, 98, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2001, at 1:40 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Michael was a union steward at General Electric Co. for more than 30 years, retiring in 1968. She was an 80-year member of Prentiss Chapter 178 of the Order of Eastern Star.

She was born Sept. 12, 1903, in Albion to Carl and Otelia (Magnason) Hardenbrook.

She married Arthur Michael in 1977. He died in 1988.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Carl H. and Nila Murray of Auburn; a daughter-in-law, Eirwen Murray of Auburn; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A son, Robert W. Murray, also preceded her in death.

Private graveside services will be held Saturday in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion, with the Rev. Roy Protsman officiating. There will be no calling.

Klaehn, Fahl and Melton Funeral Homes-Wayne Street Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Karla Erick

HENDERSON, Nev. — Karla Irons Erick, 65, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001, at St. Rosa Hospital in Henderson, Nev.

She lived in Kendallville from age 4 through age 20 and was the oldest daughter of longtime Kendallville residents Robert and Cosette Irons, who resided on Mitchell Street.

Surviving are her husband, Donald, of Boulder City, Nev.; a son, Kurt, of Boulder City; and two sisters, Lucia Boyer of Bullhead City, Ariz., and Kristin Grant of Brattleboro, Vt.

Memorial services will be held Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. Pacific Standard Time at Palm Mortuary, 800 S. Boulder Highway, Henderson, Nev. Donald Erick can be reached at 520 Hidden Cove, Boulder City, NV 89005, or by telephone at (702) 564-8440.

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Kenneth Merriman

CHURUBUSCO — Kenneth R. Merriman, 43, died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2001, at 5:16 p.m. in a traffic accident on I-69 in DeKalb County.

He was a welder with ADM in Huntertown for 23 years. He graduated from Carroll High School in 1976. He was a lifetime resident of the Huntertown area.

Mr. Merriman

Mr. Merriman was born July 17, 1958, in Goshen.

Surviving him are his father, Donald R. Merriman of Columbia City; his mother, Betty J. (Lewis) Snyder of Wolcottville; one daughter, Amy A. Merriman, at home; two sons, Thomas R. Merriman and Jim E. Merriman, both at home; three brothers, Gary D. Merriman and Kevin C. Merriman, both of Fort Wayne, and Dan L. Merriman of Greenville, S.C.; one sister, Laura J. Johnson of Garrett; and his maternal grandmother, Bernice Lewis of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Pastor Vic Sievers of Living Hope Community Church, Bear Lake, officiating. Burial will be in North Webster (Mock Addition) Cemetery.

Memorials are to the athletic department of East Noble High School.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@demoneygrimes.com.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2001

Judy K. Charlton

LIGONIER — Judy K. Charlton, 60, died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2001, at Kingston of Ligonier.

The Goshen native was a former resident of Milford. She was a homemaker and a member of Syracuse Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Surviving are two daughters, Kim Hann of Tampa, Fla., and Karyl Hapner of Milford; her mother and stepfather, Kathryn and Roger Fritch of Sebring, Fla.; two sisters, Jayne Weldy and Jeanne Northrup, both of Sebring; a brother, Jerry Smith of Milford; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Douglas W. Charlton, and a stepson, Michael Charlton, preceded her in death.

Services were Saturday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Milford. Burial was at Milford Cemetery.

Memorials are to Kingston of Ligonier.

Carol Bakle

FORT WAYNE — Carol Rondot Bakle, 66, died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2001, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

The Logansport native retired as a teacher in the Fort Wayne Community schools in 1997 after 25 years of service. She had taught at Snider High school and at Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, in language arts. She was a member of the Allen County Reitred Educators Association and St. Jude Catholic Church. Her hobbies included cross-stitching, genealogy and reading.

Surviving are her husband, Bob Bakle; also, Bradley R. Bakle of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Elizabeth Singleton of LaOtto and Lynette Bakle of Fort Wayne; a sister, Annette Bush of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A son, Matthew M. Bakle, preceded her in death.

Mass of Christian Burial is 11 a.m. Monday at St. Jude Catholic Church, 2101 Pemberton Drive. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, and 10-11 a.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the church, the Bishop Dwenger Scholarship Fund or Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Everett Gearhart

LAKEVIEW, Ohio — Everett V. Gearhart, 96, died Friday, Nov. 30, 2001, at Lima Convalescent Home, Lima, Ohio.

He owned and operated Gearhart Automotive, Lima, retiring in 1959. He was a member of the Church of Christ, Lima.

He was born Aug. 18, 1905 in Disko to George William and Minnie Mae (Barnhisel) Gearhart. On Sept. 26, 1944, he married Helen H. Williams, who preceded him in death March 26, 1995.

Three sisters and five brothers also preceded him in death.

Surviving are a sister, Wanda Schoeff of Tecumseh, Mich.; a brother, Roscoe Gearhart of Fort Wayne; and many nieces and nephews.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Van Horn Funeral Home, 115 N. Main St., Lakeview, Ohio, with Pastor Jean Horn officiating. Burial will be at Walnut Hill Cemetery, New Hampshire, Ohio.

Calling is 5-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.vanhornfuneralhome.com.

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Greta Brennan

KENDALLVILLE — Greta Louise Brennan, 98, died Friday, Nov. 30, 2001, at 1:03 a.m. in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville. She had been in declining health for several months.

She was a homemaker and lived most of her life in Kendallville. She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville. She was a member of Lydia Circle at Trinity and Beta associate chapter of Tri Kappa. She was a charter member of the Gamma Xi chapter of Tri Kappa, and served as a province officer for the sorority in 1938-1939. She was an honorary member of the Tuesday Club. She enjoyed gardening, reading and playing bridge.

Mrs. Brennan

She was the first Welcome Wagon hostess in Kendallville.

Forty members of her family gathered Nov. 10 to celebrate her 98th birthday.

Mrs. Brennan was born Nov. 10, 1903, in Geneva, Ohio, to John George and Effie Elizabeth (Johnson) Gifford.

She married Robert Russell Brennan Sr. on April 15, 1922, in Albion. He died Nov. 13, 1957.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Robert R. Jr. and June Brennan of Kendallville; one daughter and son-in-law, Rachel and James Steele of Washington Court House, Ohio; and 11 grandchildren and their spouses, Steven and Shawn Lovett of Howell, Mich., Karen and Larry Smith of Iddlewilde, Calif., Kathy and Tom Smith, Linda and David Leamon, and Jeffry and Kay Brennan, all of Kendallville, Michael and Kathy Brennan of Elmhurst, Ill., Gregg and Teri Marti of Independence, Ky., Valerie and Kevin Robinette of Jeffersonville, Ohio, Tony and Karla Marti of Greenville, Ohio, and Geoff and Angie Marti of Goldsboro, N.C.; 34 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Ilda Berhalter, a daughter, Patricia Lovett, a son-in-law, Jack Lovett, and a grandson, Timothy Brennan.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. The Rev. Dr. Daniel Barker of Trinity Church United Methodist and the Rev. James Toole of Faith United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist or Shepherd of the Hill.

Joseph McNamara

LAKEWOOD, Ohio — Joseph J. McNamara died Friday, Nov. 30, 2001.

He was a retired member of the Cleveland Fire Department and a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II.

Surviving are six daughters, Jane, formerly of Kendallville, and Lynn, Ann, Nora, Mary and Elizabeth; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Meghan and Paul and Melody; three grandchildren, Quinn, Deirdre and Elizabeth McNamara.

Funeral Mass is 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. James Church, Granger and Davenport. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Calling is 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday at McGorray Brothers Funeral Home, 14133 Detroit Ave., Lakewood.

Samuel Stafford

BRISTOL — Samuel E. Stafford, 73, died Friday, Nov. 30, 2001, at the home of his daughter, Carol Lewis, in Van Wert, Ohio.

He retired after 45 years as a manufacturers representative for American Monorail Inc. He was a member of the Bristol American Legion Post 143, a past member of the the Middlebury Optimist Club and very active in the Bristol Opera House. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He graduated from Radford High School, Detroit, and received a bachelors degree in education.

He was born March 26, 1928, in Detroit to Fred and Laura (Northway) Stafford. On Aug. 2, 1952, he married Maryanne Lee, who preceded him in death July 7, 1996.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Samuel E. and Virginia Stafford of San Jose, Calif., and Marine Capt. Jim and Heather Stafford of Omaha, Neb.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Laurie and Ben Moreno of Flushing, Mich., Carol and Gary Lewis of Van Wert and Marianne and Pete Wade of Angola; three sisters, Frances Cogger of Port Huron, Mich., Sally Fell of Greenville, S.C., and Garnet Beglinger of Ellenton, Fla.; two grandsons; and four granddaughters.

Services are 4 p.m. Tuesday at Bristol Chapel of Stemm-Lawson-Peterson Funeral Home, 201 Charles, with the Rev. Richard Dunning officiating. Military rites by Disabled American Veterans 19 will immediately follow services at the funeral home. Cremation will follow.

Calling is 2-4 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Bristol Opera House.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2001

Ervin Bartels

AUBURN — Ervin E. Bartels, 72, died Sunday, Dec. 2, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Bartels served 25 years as a police officer for the Auburn Police Department.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion. He also was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and the First Baptist Church of Garrett. He served on the board of directors for the Heimach Center in Auburn.

He was born Nov. 14, 1929, in Garrett to Harold F. and Minnie (Bartels) Bartels.

He married Kate Kosel on Dec. 6, 1948, in Heidelberg, Germany. She died June 6, 1998.

Surviving are one brother, Merlin Bartels of Garrett; three sisters, Lillian Wiley of Garrett, Thelma Kruger of Auburn and Virginia Bartels of Garrett; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gerald Bartels; a sister, Mildred Casey; his parents and a stepmother, Viola C. (Church) Bartels.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Arthur Ferry will officiate.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn, with graveside military rites conducted by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church of Garrett or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Leona Meschberger

COLUMBIA CITY — Leona Elizabeth Meschberger, 80, died in her sleep early Monday morning, Dec. 3, 2001, at her residence in Columbia City.

Mrs. Meschberger was an executive secretary for 25 years with H.K. Porter Co. of Huntington. Prior to that, she worked for Essex Wire and Auburn Foundry. During World War II, she served as a secretary to the fire chief at the Sacramento Air Base in California.

She was born Aug. 18, 1921, at Ari as the first child of Virgil and Neoma (Harter) Weller.

She moved to Avilla with her family when she was in the sixth grade. She attended school in LaOtto and Avilla and graduated from Avilla High School with the class of 1940. She then received a scholarship to attend International Business College at Fort Wayne, graduating in 1941 as a private secretary.

She lived in Huntington for 27 years and moved to Columbia City in 1980.

She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Lutheran Ladies Aid and the local chapter of AARP.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Rick Moon of Lebanon; a son, Ronald Meschberger of Columbia City; a grandson, Jesse Moon of Lebanon; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Joyce Berry, and her parents.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City. The Rev. James Haugen of Zion Lutheran Church will officiate. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church of Columbia City.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@demoneygrimes.com.

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Thurman Bishop

AUBURN — Thurman Deloss Bishop, 73, died Monday, Dec. 3, 2001, at his home in Greenwood.

Mr. Bishop retired in 1991 after 10 years at Diversified Pattern and Engineering in Avilla. He had lived in Auburn until two years ago, when he moved to Greenwood.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

He was born April 9, 1928, in Auburn to Sol and Emma (Peters) Bishop.

Surviving are his wife, Betty (Crosser) Bishop; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael L. and Alice Bishop of Greenwood; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda Ann and Mark Darrall of Muncie; and four grandchildren, Jonathan Bishop, Andrew Bishop, Jon Darrall and Kevin Darrall.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Lucille Muckenfuss and Fern Hampton, and one brother, Freddy J. Bishop.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 6-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church of Auburn or the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Frank Curie

AUBURN — Frank Curie, 77, died Sunday, Dec. 2, 2001, at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Curie

Mr. Curie was an employee of Fruehauf trailers for 22 years.

He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, and a former member of the Masons, Scottish Rite, Shrine and American Legion.

He was born Jan. 8, 1924, in St. Joe to Frank and Cora M. (Sechler) Curie.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy (Clark) Curie; a son, Chris Curie of Barrington, Ill.; a daughter, Susan Hochstadt of Kentfield, Calif.; two sisters, Kathryn Jump of Florida and Mary Brown of Hicksville, Ohio; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Herbert and Charles; three sisters, Ruth Moore, Lucille Frederick and Grace Cook; and his parents.

Services will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are the First United Methodist Church of Auburn and DeKalb County Hospice.

Warren Rectenwall

SPENCERVILLE — Warren "Rex" Rectenwall, 83, died Monday, Dec. 3, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Rectenwall retired from Deitrich's in Hicksville, Ohio.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, he was one of the first from DeKalb County to enter the service in World War II.

He was an honorary member of the Masonic Lodge in Markle.

He was born in Spencerville to Clyde and Princess (Butler) Rectenwall.

Surviving are his wife of 46 years, Mary (Stewart) Rectenwall; three cousins, Josephine Crowl and Rachel Cook, both of Spencerville, and Isabel Folk of LaPorte; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Rex Butler Rectenwall, and two cousins, David Chapman and Richard Chapman.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. Pastor Larry Watson will officiate. Burial will be in White City Cemetery at Spencerville.

Calling is today from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Spencerville Community Club, P.O. Box 42, Spencerville IN 46788.

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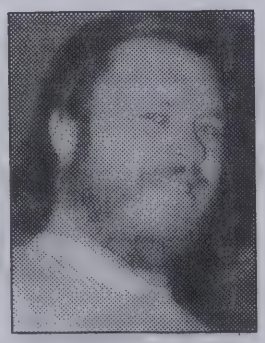
Kenneth E. "Kenny" Harter

Fort Wayne – 1955-2001



Kenneth E. "Kenny" Harter, 46, of Fort Wayne, a native of Garrett, died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital.

"He was a great husband, brother, Dad, uncle and friend, he will be missed." Surviving are his wife, Robin; sons Nathan Smith of New Haven and Kenneth E. Jr. of Fort Wayne; daughters Amber Cook and Mariah Harter, both of Fort Wayne; brothers Philip, Tim and Pat, all of Fort Wayne; sisters Rosalie, Wanda and Laura Harter, all of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews. His parents, Ivan E. and Edna, preceded him in death. Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., with calling one hour before services and also from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery. Memorials are to the children.

Information provided by C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., 422-4232.

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Lyle Buchanan

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Lyle J. Buchanan, 64, died Sunday, Dec. 2, 2001, at 2:40 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Buchanan was retired from Tri-Wall at Butler. He was a veteran of the Korean War and a member of the Butler Eagles Lodge.

He was born Aug. 8, 1937, in DeKalb County to Lester Earl Buchanan and Evelyn (Crosley) Buchanan.

He married Dolores Gericke on Oct. 27, 1967, at Sherwood, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are three stepdaughters, Bridget Witte and Deannie Osmun, both of Hicksville, and Kathy Woods of Auburn; three stepsons, Terry Gaston of Cecil, Ohio, Richard Gaston of Defiance, Ohio, and Christ Gaston of Gray, Ga.; three sisters, Marlene Tomlinson of Valdosta, Ga., Rachel Ray of Smyrna, Ga., and Elizabeth Dunn of Manheim, Pa.; three brothers, Rex Kelly of Convoy, Ohio, Ron Kelly of Sacramento, Calif., and John Yates of Fort Wayne; 11 stepgrandchildren and 10 step-great grandchildren.

A sister, Marilyn Baird, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. Ken Wellman, minster of the First Church of Christ in Hicksville, will officiate.

Calling is today after 2 p.m. and Wednesday after 8 a.m. at the funeral home.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Marlon L. Pinter**, 49, died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2001, at his home in Angola. No services or calling are planned. Weicht Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of arrangements.

ANGOLA — **Father Conrad Schweibold**, 84, died Monday, Dec. 3, 2001, at Provenia Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. He was a Franciscan priest and the pastor of St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church at Big Long Lake. Mass will be celebrated Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola. Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church, with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

FORT WAYNE — **Norma M. Wiesner**, 95, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2001, at the Town House in Fort Wayne. She was a former resident of North Otter Lake at Fremont. There will be no services or calling. A Mass of Christian Resurrection will be scheduled for a later date.

CHURUBUSCO — **Clyde D. Skinner**, 80, or rural Churubusco in Noble County, died Monday, at his Green Township home. Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Tim Grable and the Rev. Robert Skinner officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

CHURUBUSCO — **Judith L. Green**, 58, of Churubusco, died Sunday at Applewood Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne. Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Eel River Cemetery, with the Rev. Rick Van Horn officiating. Calling will be Wednesdayi from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2001

Area Deaths

SHIPSHEWANA — **The Rev. Leonard A. Haarer**, 83, of Shipshewana, died Monday, Dec. 3, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange. Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana, with the Rev. Robert Liechty, the Rev. Darren Pettifor and the Rev. Stan Inniger officiating. Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today and from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the church. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

NORTH WEBSTER — **Patricia A. McCoy**, 69, of North Webster, died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2001, at Prairie View Health Care Center in Warsaw. Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Riverview Memory Gardens in Defiance, Ohio, with calling two hours before services. Calling will also be Thursday from noon-2 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Riverview Memory Gardens, Defiance.

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Clifford Bell

VAN WERT, Ohio — Clifford E. Bell, 84, died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2001, in his home in Van Wert, Ohio.

Mr. Bell was employed by the Marsh Foundation Farms for 43 years. For nearly 20 years he was a 4-H leader, serving for a number of years as a 4-H counselor.

He was a founding member of Calvary Evangelical Church, serving in a variety of lay leadership capacities.

In retirement, he employed his woodworking skills to make hundreds of pieces of hardwood furniture, including grandfather and wall-mounted clocks.

He was born March 13, 1917, in Van Wert, to Lester and Lorena (Fritz) Bell.

He married Kathryn Jean Biery on Aug. 30, 1942. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Daryle Doden of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. Randall E. and Carol Bell of Orlando, Fla., and the Rev. Stephen B. and Valerie Bell of Wheaton, Ill.; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Helen Bell of Van Wert; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Irene and Lloyd Rager of Van Wert and Mary Louis Kimpel of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Bernice (Emmitt) Brown of Van Wert, a half-brother, a half-sister and an infant brother.

Services were held today at 10:30 a.m. in Calvary Evangelical Church in Van Wert. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery in Van Wert.

Memorials are to Van Wert Hospice and Calvary Evangelical Church.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2001

Area Deaths

SHIPSHEWANA — **Mary Louise Sandidge**, 87, died Tuesday at Elkhart General Hospital. Services and calling will be at Sawyer-George Funeral Home in Corpus Christi, Texas. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Corpus Christi. A memorial service will be conducted at a later date at the Shipshewana United Methodist Church. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of local arrangements.

AVILLA — **Madalyn M. Wolford**, 79, died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Harvest Community Church in Kendallville, with the Rev. Jerry Rittenhouse officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour before services at the church on Saturday. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

ANGOLA — **Velma B. Baade**, 88, died Wednesday in Cameron Hospital at Angola. Services Saturday at 10 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. Calling Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 in the funeral home.

Harry Lewis

LIGONIER — Harry C. Lewis, 79, of rural Ligonier, died Monday, Dec. 3, 2001, at Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas.

He had lived in Noble County since 1945 after moving from French Lick. He was a farmer and worked for Monsanto, retiring in 1986. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of the Cosperville Baptist Church.

He was born Oct. 26, 1922, in Martin County, to John W. and Ada B. (Mayo) Lewis. On June 30, 1946, in Wawaka, he married Mozelle Roselyn Gill, and she preceded him in death on July 12, 2000. An infant son and three sisters, Fern Lewis, Clara Emmons and Ethyl Moore, are also deceased.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Beth Lewis of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Becky Jo and Donald Deetz of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Howard and Mary Lewis of Ligonier; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Ruth and Grant Buchanan and Waunita Lysinger, all of French Lick; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Cosperville Baptist Church in Wawaka, with the Rev. Louis Showers officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery, Wawaka.

Memorials are to the church or Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice in LaGrange.

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Mary Mickem

GOSHEN — Mary Ruth Mickem, 59, of Goshen, died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2001, at Greencroft Healthcare in Goshen.

She lived in the Topeka and Goshen areas her entire life and was a homemaker and worker at Duotherm in LaGrange. She graduated from Topeka High School in 1960 and later trained and served in LaGrange County as an EMT. She was a volunteer at The Window and the Activity Center at Greencroft Healthcare. She enjoyed bowling and was a member of a league for several years.

She was born Dec. 4, 1942, in Elkart, to Verlo and Veda E. (Wemple) Christner. Her mother survives in Goshen.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mitzi and Bryan Jaenichen of Elkhart and Melanie and Mark Farver of Goshen; two sons, Mark Mickem of Topeka and Mick Mickem of Albion; 12 grandchildren; and a sister, Vicky Christner of Goshen.

The Rev. Gene Troyer of Maple Grove Church in Topeka will officiate at a private family graveside service at Eden Cemetery in Topeka. Calling will be Saturday from noon-2 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. at The Meetinghouse at Greencroft Healthcare in Goshen.

Memorials are to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

Wayne Grogg

AUBURN — Wayne J. Grogg, 75, died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Grogg

Mr. Grogg retired from Rieke Corp. in 1989. He was a former caretaker for Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery in Garrett. He worked at Leas Grocery Store, was a distributor for Avon with his wife, Carol, and worked part-time for Owen's Super Valu.

He was a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn and the Angola Church of God. He was involved in DeKalb County Fair exhibiting and Circle B Campground at Angola. He was known for his cakes and homemade fudge.

He was born May 6, 1926, to Loyal and Ruby (Surfus) Grogg.

He married Carol (Sommers) Grogg on Sept. 4, 1955, at the First Church of God in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Jan Grogg of Pleasant Lake and David and Karen Grogg of Northwood, Ohio; two sisters, Louise Pepple of Corunna and Marie Pepple of Auburn; six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Phyllis Kruger; and one grandson, Nathan Grogg.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m in the Indian Village Church of God, Auburn. The Rev. Randall Callaway and the Rev. Terry Larimore will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Indian Village Church of God.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Mildred Shetler

GOSHEN — Mildred F. Shetler, 72, died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2001, at 8:35 p.m. at her home in Goshen. Her health had been failing for five years.

Mrs. Shetler was a homemaker and member of Mount Joy Mennonite Church.

She was born June 10, 1929, in Goshen to Levi and Ida (Miller) Schrock.

She married John H. Shetler on April 6, 1952, in Goshen. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Barbara and Richard Myers of Huntertown, Nedra Shetler of Goshen and Letha and Jay Hershberger of Goshen; three sons, Ellis Shetler, Leon Shetler and Willard Shetler, all of Goshen; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Nettie and Vernon Bontrager of Middlebury, Frieda and Samuel Yoder of Nashwauk, Minn., Christena and Orval Schrock of Cromwell, and Naomi and Mervin Mast of Eldorado, Ark.; four brothers and sisters-in-law, LeRoy and Verda Schrock of Kaleva, Mich., Stanley and Anna Schrock of Macon,Miss., Clifford and Dorothy Schrock of Boyd, Wis., and Levi and Mary Schrock of Middlebury; and one brother-in-law, Elmer D. Miller, Middlebury.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Lydia Ann Bontrager, Mary Ellen Miller and Darlene Schrock; and one brother, Leon Schrock.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Mount Joy Mennonite Church. Pastor Ben Shirk and the Rev. Samuel Yoder, a brother-in-law, will officiate. Burial will be in Clinton Union Cemetery in Goshen.

Friends may call today from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Goshen Care at Home Hospice.

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Charles Smoker

FORT WAYNE — Charles E. Smoker, 67, of Akron, died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2001, at Parkview Hospital.

He had lived in the Stroh and Topeka areas for 25 years before returning to Akron. He retired from the Westview School Corp., where he had been a janitor. He was also a farmer. He attended the Akron Church of God and was a member of the Akron Lions Club.

He was born Aug. 4, 1934, in Kosciusko County to Doin and Violet (Smith) Smoker. On Oct. 6, 1956, in Akron, he married Carolyn Cummins, and she survives, along with his parents, in Akron.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Sheldon Begley of Metamora; three sons and daughters-in-law, Patrick and Freida Smoker of West Lafayette and Jeffrey and Brenda and Douglas and Libby Smoker, all of Hudson; a sister and brother-in-law, Merlee and Fred Heckathorn of Celina, Ohio; 14 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Akron Church of God, with the Rev. Terry McGarrity officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 2-8 p.m. at Hartzler Funeral Home in Akron. Burial will be in Akron Cemetery. Memorials are to the church or Akron Lions Club.

Dustyn Laisure

AUBURN — Dustyn Matthew Laisure, 17, of Auburn, died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2001, in an automobile crash near Hamilton.

Mr. Laisure

He was a junior at Garrett High School and formerly attended Fremont High School. He had participated in baseball, football, basketball, Campus Life and Youth For Christ.

He loved fishing, the outdoors and his friends.

He was born March 4, 1984, in Texas City, Texas.

Surviving are his mother, Lynda L. Platt of Auburn; his father, Matthew D. Laisure of Fremont; a brother, Clint J. Nicholson of Auburn; maternal grandparents Rex and Sharon Platt of Angola; and paternal grandparents David and Barb Laisure of Phoenix.

A paternal grandparent, Bonnie Laisure, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery at Fremont.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from noon-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Campus Life or Youth For Christ.

Area Deaths

ANGOLA — **Eugene L. Click**, 76, died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2001, at Cameron Hospital in Angola. A memorial service will be held Sunday at 6 p.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. Calling is Sunday from 5-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Kenneth E. Martin

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Fremont – 1946-2001

Kenneth E. Martin, 55, of Lake James, Fremont, a native of Auburn, died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2001, at Carlin Park Health Care.

Surviving are his father, George I. of Fremont; a sister, Suzanne Shirley of Waterloo; half sisters Kimberly L. Kastner of Milwaukee and Jackie Smith of Auburn; and a half brother, James I. of Angola. Private family services will be held.

Information provided by Northeast Indiana Cremation Society, 4602 Newaygo Drive, Fort Wayne, 482-6139.

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Stanley Banks

AVILLA — Stanley G. Banks, 64, died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Banks was born on March 30, 1937, to B. Banks and Georgia (Brock) Banks in Letcher County, Ky. He married Mildred Gibson on May 8, 1983. She survives. Banks was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War and a truck driver for Brooks Construction. He was also a member of the House of Prayer.

In addition to his wife, Banks is survived by two sons, Wayne Banks of Garrett and Bill Banks, address unknown; one daughter, Colene, address unknown; three stepsons, Telmon Lingar of Waterloo, John Lingar of Garrett, and Luther Lingar of Altona; two stepdaughters, Madeline Lamish of Garrett and Chris Boger of Auburn; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Also surviving are four sisters, Lorene Fieghtner of Garrett, Shirley Hunter of Fort Wayne, Irene Johnson of Jackson, Ky., and Helen Terry of Kendallville; and two brothers, J.C. Banks of Auburn and R.V. Banks of Rome City.

He was preceded in death by stepson Tony Lingar, sisters Nan Maloney, Opal Fugate and Violet Terry and brother Alvis Banks.

Services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. at the House of Prayer, 1608 East Dowling St., Kendallville. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be held after 2 p.m. today at the House of Prayer.

Edna Fry

LIGONIER — Edna Violetta Fry, 66, of Ligonier died Friday, Dec. 7, 2001, at her home.

Mrs. Fry was born on Oct. 9, 1935, to Abe and Katie (Miller) Garver in Hutchison, Kan. She had lived near Ligonier since 1963.

She married Harvey O. Fry on Dec. 25, 1963 in Kansas. Mrs. Fry was a homemaker, and belonged to the Old Order Amish Church.

She is survived by her husband; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Kenneth and Ruby Fry of Topeka, Marlin and Mary Fry of Ligonier, and Mervin Fry of Ligonier; two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and David Lambright and Lydia and Vernon Yoder, all of Topeka; four brothers, Walter, Ray and Eddie Garver, all of Kansas, and Abe Garver Jr. of Maryland; three sisters, Sara Schrock of Jamesport, Mo., Gertie Miller of LaComa, Ill., and Clara Yoder of Oregon, and 19 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Viola Garber of Pennsylvania, and a grandson Kevin Yoder.

Services will be Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the Homer Miller residence at 10708 N. S.R. 5. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be held after 1 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the Fry family residence at 11554 N. S.R. 5.

Elmer France

ALBION — Elmer J. France, 81, died Friday, Dec. 7, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. France was born on Nov. 22, 1920, in Chicago. He later lived in New Haven and Lake of the Woods before moving near Albion.

He retired in 1982 as a carpenter for Lebrato Brothers Construction. He was a member and past president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge 3164 in New Haven, a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge 2455 in Albion, and member of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville. He was a U.S. Navy World War II veteran.

He is survived by two daughters, Carol Ann Keitzer of Ishpeming, Mich., and Sharon Kay Floss of Covington, Ky.; a sister, Elizabeth Niemeyer of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at E. Harper and Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930E, New Haven. Burial will be in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in New Haven.

Visitation will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home. The F.O.E. Lodge service will be Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice in Kendallville and LaGrange.

Area Deaths

SYRACUSE — **Merlyn D. "Mike" Umbaugh**, 79, of Syracuse died Wednesday at Kosciusko Community Hospital. Calling was held Friday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home in Syracuse. Burial will be at Riechter Cemetery.

SYRACUSE — **Glendora E. "Billie" Davis**, 84, of Syracuse died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor. Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home in Syracuse. Services are at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Syracuse Cemetery.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2001

Joan Johnston

AUBURN — Joan M. Johnston, 73, died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2001, at 2:34 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Johnston was a former employee of Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was born Feb. 10, 1928, in Auburn, to Jesse and Mary (Sprague) Luttman.

She married Harold Johnston in Auburn on March 21, 1945. He survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Elizabeth Martin of Tempe, Ariz., Mary Jane Cain and Hettie Shetley, both of Auburn, and Colleen Shetley of Wolcottville; five sons, James, Richard, Robert, Harold Jr., and David, all of Auburn; one sister, Charlotte Burns of Silver Lake; 30 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Donald; one brother, Junior Earl Luttman; three grandsons, Tommy Greenfield Jr., Arthur Paul Johnston and James Johnston Jr.; and one great-grandson, Keith.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

E-mail condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Evelyn Davis

FORT WAYNE — Evelyn L. Davis, 80, died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2001, at Ossian Healthcare Center.

She was a co-owner of Dwelyn Gardens Cut Flowers and Produce. She had also worked at Lincoln Life. She served the Saturn Christian Church as a deaconess and counselor and was a member of Christian Women's Fellowship.

Her husband, Dwight F., survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Nancy Davis of Coos Bay, Ore., and Carol Meyer of Columbia City; two sons, Michael M. of Roanoke and Jeffrey N. of Boise, Idaho; three brothers, Gerald Koomler of Coldwater, Mich., Ronald D. Koomler of Anderson, and Donald Koomler of Angola; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Vernon and Norman Koomler.

Services will be held today at 4 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl and Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, Fort Wayne.

Calling is one hour before services.

Private burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to the church building fund.

Orel Hathaway

GARRETT — Orel L. Hathaway, 89, died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2001, at 3:15 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mr. Hathaway retired in the early 1970s after 30 years with Auburn Clutch.

He was born July 20, 1912, in Garrett to Milton and Emma Jane (Feller) Hathaway.

He married Esther Horn in Garrett on Oct. 3, 1936. She preceded him in death on May 23, 1999.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Gene Yarian of Garrett; one son, Larry Hathaway of Garrett; one sister, Mary Maxwell of Garrett; six grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

She also was preceded in death by one son, Milton Ray Hathaway; two sisters, Blanche Stafford and Wilma Gilbert; and five brothers, Roy, Paul, Dale, Claude and Merle.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Arthur Ferry officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Miller's Merry Manor Activities Dept.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Dr. Charles Radcliffe

KENDALLVILLE — Word has been received of the death of Dr. Charles Radcliffe, who died Friday, Dec. 7, 2001, in Orlando, Fla. Dr. Radcliffe had been in declining health in recent weeks, but his death was unexpected.

Dr. Radcliffe was a retired Kendallville dentist. His office was located at 110 E. Rush. St. The family home formerly was at 324 E. Diamond St.

Among the survivors are his wife, Nancy, and their three children, Daniel, Thomas and Lisa.

There will be no services. Burial arrangements are pending.

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TOPEKA — **Sam J. Mast**, 77, died Saturday at LaGrange Community Hospital. Services will be held Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Ray Schlabach residence, 3680S C.R. 950W, Topeka, with Bishop Sam Beechy and the Home Ministers officiating. Calling will be all day Monday and Tuesday at the home of his daughter at 9320W C.R. 400S, Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery in Midlebury.

KENDALLVILLE — **Ruth Louise Betz**, 70, died Saturday at the Chandler House near Kendallville. Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Calling will be Tuesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Robert Forgue

GARRETT — Robert "Montana" Forgue, 76, died Monday, Dec. 10, 2001, at 5:15 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mr. Forgue was a self-employed silversmith, operating Montana's Silversmith in Dover, Tenn. He had lived in Garrett for three years.

He was born Feb. 12, 1925, in Milwaukee, Wis., to Norman and Millie (Baker) Forgue.

Surviving him are three daughters, Millie Frost of Garrett, Cindy Forgue of Fort Wayne and Autumn Forgue of Clarksville, Tenn.; four sons, Monty Forgue, David Forgue and Robert Forgue Jr., all of Utah, and Yancie Forgue of Clarksville; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and two ex-wives, Elaine Forgue of Fort Wayne and Florence Davis of Clarksville, Tenn.

No services are scheduled. Calling is tonight from 6-7 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2001

Donner Grogg

AUBURN — Donner W. Grogg, 73, died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2001, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Grogg was a meat cutter with A&P Tea Co. for 29 years, retiring in 1986. He loved to hunt and fish.

He was born in rural DeKalb County to Howard and Esther (Werner) Grogg.

Surviving are three sons, Gary and Steven, both of Auburn, and Larry of Hamilton; one daughter, Debra Keller of Auburn; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

One brother, Maurice, preceded him in death in 1983.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Additional calling is today from 5-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Frank J.D. Draper**, 72, of LaGrange, died in an automobile accident near Shipshewana on Monday. Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Emerald Joe Miller officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Bethel/Saylor Cemetery in LaGrange.

LAGRANGE — **Jacob W. Miller**, 70, died Monday, Dec. 10, 2001, in an automobile accident near Shipshewana. Services will be held Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the Dennis Schlabach residence, 1740N C.R. 400W, LaGrange, with Bishop Edward Schmucker and the Home Ministers officiating. Calling will be at the family home after 1 p.m. today and all day Wednesday. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery in LaGrange.

ALBION — **Joyce L. Price**, 72, died Monday at Parkview Hospital. Services will be held at a later date. Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, is in charge of arrangements.

Geraldine Slone

ROME CITY — Geraldine A. Slone, 58, died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2001, at 1:56 a.m. in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne, following an extended illness.

Mrs. Slone

Mrs. Slone was a laborer at Albion Plastamatic for 10 years and a Rome City resident for 35 years. She belonged to the True Church of God in South Milford.

She was born April 30, 1943, in Squire, W. Va., to Patton Jackson Brewster and Pearley Ethel (Barrett) Brewster.

She married Clayton Slone Sr. on July 20, 1968, in Clintwood, Va. He survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Robin and Phillip Lucas of Rome City, Regina and Donnie Joe Wood of Taylorsville, N.C., Brenda and Ray Ritchie of Kendallville and Janice and David Baker of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Clayton Jr. and Paulette Slone, and Michael Slone, all of Rome City; three sisters, Delphia McKinish, Squire, W.Va., Doris Drossart, Pine Bluff, N.C., and Marilyn Baxley, Raeford, N.C.; three brothers, Elmer Brewster of Cucumber, W.Va., and Patton Brewster Jr. of Eagle Springs, N.C. and Lawrence Brewster of Alexis, N.C.; one stepsister, Sandra VanPelt of Vass, N.C.; 12 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Billy Joe Boggs; three sisters and one stepbrother.

Services were to be held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Sam Sawyer and the Rev. Birtchel Mosley of the True Church of God, South Milford, officiating.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

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Ora Cody

WATERLOO — Ora Lee Cody, 55, died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2001, at her Waterloo home.

Mrs. Cody worked as a laborer at Cooper Engineered Products, retiring in November 1996. She was a member of Freewill Baptist Church.

Mrs. Cody

She was born Jan. 17, 1946, in Kentucky to Eli and Hazel (Eversau) Sumner.

She married William F. Cody on Nov. 20, 1976. He died Aug. 8, 1996.

Surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, William F. Cody Jr. and Brenda Cody of Dayton, Ohio; Timothy and Terri Cody of California, Jimmy W. and Robbin Cody of LaGrange, Ricky D. Combs of Waterloo and Scotty R. and Bonnie Combs of Kendallville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Robyn Cody of Fort Wayne, Karen J. and Rick Vance of Dayton, and Tina and Rob M. Cantrel, also of Dayton; seven brothers, Bud Sumner of Vicco, Ky., Wayne Sumner of Lexington, Ky., Esom Sumner, John Sumner, Danny Sumner and Eli Sumner, all of Waterloo, and Coby Sumner of Kendallville; three sisters, Mary Pence and Percy Sumner, both of Garrett, and Ann Collins of Wolcottville; 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice or Freewill Baptist Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Eric Stuart

FORT WAYNE — Eric D. Stuart, 29, died Monday, Dec. 10, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Fort Wayne. He is survived by his mother, Gail Stuart-Young of Fort Wayne, and his father and stepmother, Michael and Gladys Stuart of Garrett.

Mr. Stuart

Also surviving are a brother, Joshua Stuart of Fort Wayne; a grandmother, Donna Stuart of Avilla; grandparents, Patrick and Greta Lonergan of Fort Wayne; two stepsisters, Bobbie Lucarelli and Jonelle Furnish, both of Garrett; and a stepgrandfather, Richard Young of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Vance Amstutz

HARLAN — Former Allen County Commissioner Vance L. Amstutz, 84, died Monday, Dec. 10, 2001, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a Democratic Allen County commissioner from 1975 to 1979, an Allen County Council member from 1971 to 1975 and the Springfield Township trustee and secretary to the Allen County Board of Education for eight years. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was born in Harlan, where he and his wife, Janet "Jane," co-owned Amstutz Real Estate & Insurance. His wife preceded him in death in July.

Surviving are a son, Randy, of Hamilton; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Phyllis Gerig of Harlan and Maxine LaRocque of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Hockemeyer Funeral Home in Harlan, with calling one hour before services. Calling will also be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Harlan Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Harlan Community Association.

Area Deaths

ALBANY — **Grace Mabel Wolfe**, 98, formerly of Lake George, died Tuesday in the Albany Nursing Home, Albany. Services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday in Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland, with Pastor Mike Harris officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

KENDALLVILLE — **Thomas Howard Woody Sr.**, 75, formerly of Wawaka, died Tuesday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Little Flock Old Regular Baptist Church, Rock Ridge, W.Va., with Elder Elbert Hagerman of Kendallville officiating. Calling will be Thursday at the church after 4 p.m. Burial will be in the family cemetery at Rick Ridge Cemetery in McDowell County, W.Va.

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Verna Bowman

AUBURN — Verna Bowman, 72, died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2001, at 2:33 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Bowman retired from Cooper Engineered Products in 1993 with 19 years of service. She was a member of Cooper Standard Automotive Retirement Group.

She had lived in Auburn for 31 years and belonged to the Auburn United Pentecostal Church.

She was born June 19, 1929, in Bearwater, W.Va., to Grant and Virginia Heath.

She married Newton Underwood in 1960 and he died in 1963.

She married Darrell Bowman in 1965 and he died in 1970.

Surviving are four daughters, Janice Underwood of Auburn, Wanda Bowman of Raysal, W.Va., Rita Arnold of South Milford, and Charlotte Sovel of Butler; three sons, Roger Underwood of Auburn, Woodrow Underwood of Millersburg and Darrell Bowman of Garrett; three brothers, Daniel Blevins of Auburn, Troy Blevins of San Antonio, Texas, and Arville Blevins of Houston, Texas; 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Loreen Underwood; two sons, Gilbert Underwood and Thermine Underwood; and one brother, Cecil Blevins.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 County Road 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Edward Hughes officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 10 a.m.-noon and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Margaret Greenamyer

ANGOLA — Margaret E. Greenamyer, 81, died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2001, at 4:45 a.m. in Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (formerly Carlin Park) in Angola.

Mrs. Greenamyer was a homemaker and lived in Angola. She attended Crooked Lake School from first grade through eighth grade and graduated from Angola High School in 1938.

She was a member of Metz Christian Church, where she was the secretary of the Ladies Aid and taught Sunday School for many years. She was a charter member of the Steuben County Historical Society, serving as treasurer for many years.

Mrs. Greenamyer volunteered for the American Red Cross and Sheltered Workshop, and was a "gray lady" at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital. She was a certified nurse's aide for nursing homes. She operated an egg route throughout the area for many years.

Mrs. Greenamyer was born Aug. 10, 1920, in Pleasant Township, Steuben County, to Arthur E. and Helen M. (Maloy) Carr.

She married Jesse L. Greenamyer on March 16, 1940. He died Feb. 27, 2001.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, John K. and Connie Greenamyer of Angola; two daughters and one son-in-law, Helen R. Greenamyer of South Bend and Gayle and Barry Linnell of Montpelier, Ohio; one brother, William Carr of Angola; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Howard and Charlie Carr; two sisters, Florence Garman and Doris Six; and one great-grandson, A.J. Smith.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Metz Christian Church, with calling there after 10 a.m. The Rev. Greg Essex, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Jordan Cemetery, Scott Township, Steuben County.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or American Heart Association.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Area Deaths

EDON, Ohio — **Maxine Kissinger**, 85, died Tuesday at 3:02 p.m. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. in Columbia Church of Christ, Edon. Calling Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton.

SHIPSHEWANA — **Jeffrey L. Glick**, 44, died Tuesday in an automobile accident in Elkhart County. Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Marion Mennonite Church in Shipshewana, with the Rev. Brian Arbuckle officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with a Masonic service at 8 p.m. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

LAGRANGE — Infant **Anthony Nathan Ball** died Monday at LaGrange Community Hospital. Graveside services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

KENDALLVILLE — **August H. Sprandel**, 83, died Tuesday at Parkview Noble Hospital. There will be no services or calling. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

ALBION — **Hunter Paul Askren**, 3 1/2 months, died Wednesday at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, 530 N. Main St., Albion, with the Rev. James Archambeault officiating.

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Hazel Oswald

FORT WAYNE — Hazel M. Oswald, 95, died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2001, at 9:40 p.m. in Lifecare Nursing Home.

Mrs. Oswald was employed in production in knitting mills. She lived in Fort Wayne and was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church.

She was born July 19, 1906, in Allen County to Amasia and Mary (Ehling) Peckham.

She married James Oswald, who died in 1983.

Surviving are a niece, Luella Fortman of Auburn, and a friend, Judy Klemm of Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Lindenwood Cemetery Chapel of the Woods, Fort Wayne. The Rev. Paul Coats will officiate. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Grace Presbyterian Church.

Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Dale Danalds

PROGRESSO, Mexico — Dale H. Danalds, 70, died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2001.

He resided near Avilla for 25 years, and had lived in Progresso, Mexico, for the last 15 years. He worked as a consultant engineer at Kennedy Space Center and Red Stone Arsenal for many years. He was a member of American Legion Post 240, Avilla.

Surviving are his mother, Brittie Danalds Davis, in Sebring, Fla.; three sons; three daughters; and nine grandchildren.

His father, Earl H. Danalds, and a son, Kyle Richard Danalds, preceded him in death.

Burial was in Progresso.

Lawrence Shepherd

LAGRANGE — Lawrence Shepherd, 92, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

He was a retired union carpenter from the Chicago, Ill., area, coming to LaGrange from Chicago in 1975.

He was born Jan. 25, 1909, in Cunningham, Ky., to J. R. and Mary Elizabeth (Griffith) Shepherd. On June 20, 1937, in Fulton, Tenn., he married Hazel Marie Anderson, who preceded him in death Oct. 6, 2001.

Surviving are two sons, Larry Joe Shepherd of Lake Orion, Mich., and John Dean Shepherd of Manhattan, Ill.; two sisters, Oina Forrester of Paducah, Ky., and Bonnie Mae Harper of LaCenter, Ky.; two brothers, Tommy Shepherd of San Diego, Calif., and Henry Lee Shepherd of Paducah; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services are 2 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Rodney Schuler officiating. Burial will be at Brighton Cemetery, Brighton.

Calling is 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Hunter Askren

ALBION — Hunter Paul Askren, 3 1/2 months, died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2001, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

He was born Aug. 24, 2001, in Fort Wayne to Anthony "Tony" Askren and Karen Stroup, who survive.

Also surviving are his paternal grandparents, Terry and Ann Askren of Albion; his maternal grandfather, Paul K. Sommers of Fort Wayne; his paternal great-grandmother, Lana Meyers of Ligonier; and two half-brothers, Kendal and Terry J. Askren, both of Garrett.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with the Rev. James Archambeault officiating. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Calling is 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the SIDS Foundation.

Area Deaths

LEO-CEDARVILLE — **Dennis O. Menshy**, 80, died Thursday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2001

Georgia Schock

FORT WAYNE — Georgia I. (Thornburg) Schock, 91, died Friday, Dec. 14, 2001, at 2:30 a.m. at Kingston Residence on Winchester Road.

Mrs. Schock had retired as a co-owner of Garrett Plumbing & Heating in Garrett. She attended school in Hicksville, Ohio, and also lived in Fort Wayne. She was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born Sept. 4, 1910, in DeKalb County to Ross and Iva (Sholl) Thornburg.

Her husband, Ralph L. Schock, died July 12, 1989.

Surviving are one daughter, Leone Schmidt of Fort Wayne; one stepdaughter, Betty Terry of Frankfort; two brothers, Robert Thornburg of Eustis, Fla., and Blaine Thornburg of Hicksville; one sister, Lois Weeks of Fremont; and four stepgrandchildren.

Two brothers, DeLoy and Richard Thornburg, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with calling after noon. The Rev. Keith Kreisel will officiate. Burial will be in Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials are to St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 3601 Warsaw St., Fort Wayne IN 46806 or Heartland Hospice, 1315 Directors Row, Fort Wayne IN 46808.

George Noll

ORLANDO, Fla. — George D. Noll, 77, died Friday, Dec. 14, 2001.

Mr. Noll was a retired banker and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He lived in Edon, Ohio, before moving to central Florida in 1966.

Mr. Noll was a member of Poinciana Christian Church and president of the Lions Club in Kissimmee, which honored him as a lifetime member of 50 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Noll of Kissimmee; a son, David Noll of Hamilton, Ohio; a daughter, Karna Doty of Madison, Wis.; a brother, Ira Noll of Willie, Texas; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Osceola Memory Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Home & Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2001

Mary Gravatt

LAGRANGE — Mary M. Gravatt, 91, of 2210S C.R. 460E, LaGrange, died at 11:38 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, 2001, at Life Care Center, LaGrange.

On June 10, 1910, in Jeffersonville, she was born to LeRoy and Myrtle (Hause) Howard. She married Frank H. Gravatt on May 31, 1936, in Elkhart. He preceded her in death on Jan. 9, 1992.

She lived in Elkhart and North Fort Myers, Fla., before moving to LaGrange in 1998.

Mrs. Gravatt was a secretary for the city of Elkhart's engineering office, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. James (Judith) Boss, LaGrange; three nephews; a niece; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Seven brothers and sisters preceded her in death.

There is no funeral services and visitation.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Frurip-May Funeral, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Steven Swift

FARMLAND — Steven C. Swift, 58, of 3531 S. West Indian Trail Lake, Farmland, died at 8:05 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, 2001, in Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie.

On May 28, 1943, he was born in Buffalo, N.Y., to Grosvenor and Jean (Frazee) Swift. He married Debra Lumpkin in 1967. His mother and wife survive.

Mr. Swift graduated from Fenton High School, Fenton, Mich., and Tri-State University in Angola with a bachelor's degree. He received his master's degree from Ball State University, Muncie.

He was retired from New Venture Gear in Muncie.

Surviving, in addition to his mother and wife, are a daughter, Leslie Swift, Indianapolis; a son, Douglas Swift, Charleston, S.C.; and a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Sarah Swift, Vashon, Wash.; a sister, Elizabeth Swift, Toronto, Ontario; a sister and brother-in-law, Sandra and Robert Maucell, Rochester, N.Y.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Walker Funeral Home, Winchester, with the Rev. Ned Wysong officiating. Burial will be in Fountain Park Cemetery, Winchester.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association with envelopes available at the funeral home.

Jay Stonestreet

AUBURN — Jay P. Stonestreet, 83, of Auburn, died at 7:31 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, 2001, in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

On May 5, 1918, in Allen County, he was born to David and Ella (Gordon) Stonestreet. He married Helen Sloffer on Feb. 14, 1938, in Marion. She preceded him in death in 1989.

He was self-employed in woodworking and the owner and operator of J. Box for County Line Cheese and J.H.L. Storage.

Mr. Stonestreet lived in LaOtto for several years before moving to Auburn in 1974. He was a member of Auburn United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Gerald (Sally) Shank, Huntertown, and Mrs. Sam (Sandra) Gaff, LaOtto; a son, Tom Stonestreet, Churubusco; three sisters, Barbara Rider, Fort Wayne, Elores Arnold and Joan Bolton, both of Avilla; a brother, Mike Stonestreet, Holiday, Fla.; 11 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren.

Three brothers, Guy, Robert and Jack Stonestreet; a sister, Ilene Bryon; and a grandson, Anthony Shank, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery, Huntertown.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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Mable Perry

MERRIAM — Mable Christine Perry, 71, of Merriam, died at 11:55 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, 2001, at the family residence after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Perry

On Aug. 22, 1930, in Clearfield, Ky., she was born to Columbus and Arntie (Hardin) Terrell. She married Kenneth Perry on Oct. 5, 1946, in Clearfield. He survives.

She moved to Indiana in 1955 and spent most of her life in Noble County. She has resided in Merriam since 1966.

She was employed at Dana Corporation in Churubusco for 15 years, retiring in 1982. Mrs. Perry was a member of the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are a daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Dennis Gaerte, Warsaw; a son, Danny Perry, Bullhead City, Ariz.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Glendon and Ruby Terrell, and Raymond and Myrtle Terrell, all of Morehead, Ky.; five sisters and brothers-in-law, Ruth and Clayton Gibson, and Mazel and Darrell Mullins, all of Albion, Shirley and Bob Johnson, and Linda and Clineon Mullins, all of Morehead, Ky., and Betty and Richard Maxey, Lake Panasoffkee, Fla.; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Two brothers, Ferris Terrell and Junior Terrell, and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, at the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, Merriam, with Pastor George Cecil officiating. Burial will be in the Wolf Lake Cemetery, Noble County.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco, or at the church one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, Merriam.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com.

Rev. Albert Miller

MIDDLEBURY — The Rev. Albert H. Miller, 82, formerly of 58955 S.R. 13, Middlebury, died at 1:20 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, 2001, at Greencroft Terraces Health Care, Goshen.

On April 15, 1919, in Defiance, Ohio, he was born to Henry and Amanda (Miller) Miller. He married Ellen G. Eash in Middlebury on June 10, 1945. She survives.

He had resided at Greencroft since September 1999, but spent most of his life in Middlebury.

The Rev. Miller was a minister at Griner Mennonite for 40 years. He worked at Jayco for 25 years in the maintenance department, was a member of Griner Mennonite Church and served on the Board of Rosedale Mennonite missions for a number of years.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a daughter, Mrs. Nathan (Karen) Miller, Rosedale, Ohio; three sons, Eldon Miller, Lederach, Pa., Leon Miller, Belleville, Pa., and Gary Miller, Middlebury; two sisters, Mrs. Floyd (Catherine) Brenneman, Dowagiac, Mich., and Mrs. Enos (Irma) Yoder, Goshen; a brother, William Henry Miller, Goshen; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Five sisters, Lydia Bontrager, Marian Leichti, Alma Miller, Sovina Schrock and Wilma Yoder, and two brothers, Roman and Samuel Miller, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Griner Mennonite Church, Middlebury, with the Rev. Harley Troyer and the Rev. Robert Riegsecker officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling is 4 to 8 p.m. today and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Griner Mennonite Church, Middlebury.

Memorials are to Rosedale Mennonite Missions.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2001

Barbara Herzer

GARRETT — Barbara A. Herzer, 70, died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001, at 12:12 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mrs. Herzer served as a health and physical education teacher in the DeKalb Central United School District for 37 years, retiring in 1990. She was a pioneer in women's athletics in Auburn.

Mrs. Herzer

She graduated from Ball State Teachers College in 1953 and received a master's degree in secondary education from Saint Francis College in 1969. She was a member of the Indiana State Teachers Association.

She lived in Garrett for 36 years and was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church. She served on the Garrett Public Library board of trustees from 1981-1997, serving as president during the library's expansion and renovation. She was a board member of the Garrett Public Library Foundation, Garrett Historical Society and Garrett Alumni Association, which made her an honorary member for her contributions.

Mrs. Herzer and her husband, James, organized the first Garrett Schools Alumni Reunion in 1984, and were named Garrett Citizens of the Year in 1987. The couple were known to prepare and take food to those in the community experiencing emergency situations.

Mrs. Herzer was born April 16, 1931, in Orrville, Ohio, to George W. and Aleen W. (Frey) Bosse.

She married James C. Herzer on July 6, 1957, in Auburn. He died Dec. 31, 1996.

Surviving are three sons, Matt Herzer of Tempe, Ariz., Andy Herzer of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Tim Herzer of Salt Lake City, Utah; five sisters, Joanna Richardson of San Diego, Calif., Pat Huffman of Wooster, Ohio, Sue French of Chicago, Jeane Bosse of Germantown, Md., and Linda Stoll of Goshen; two sisters-in-law, Mary Ruth Clark and Katherine Kleeman, both of Garrett; two grandchildren, Barrett Herzer and Haedyn Herzer, both of Pittsburgh; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in Garrett United Methodist Church, with Dr. Scott Moss officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 5-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church or the Garrett Public Library Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Lola Nelson

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Lola L. Nelson, 81, died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001, at 9:30 p.m. in her Bloomington home.

She was an accountant and a member of the Methodist faith. She was a member of the National Organization for Women and the Women's Political Caucus.

She was born Aug. 13, 1920, in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., to Ross E. and Lottie (Langosch) Denison.

Surviving her are one daughter, Carol (Williams) Walter of Bloomington; one son, Gary Williams of Orland; two stepdaughters, Mary Ellen (Nelson) Birdwell of Jourdanton, Texas, and Carol Ann (Nelson) Christopher of Austin, Texas; one sister, Amy McCrory of Burbank, Ill.; eight grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

One brother, David Denison, and one sister, Hope Fransell, preceded her in death.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Deremiah-Frye Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Hospice of Bloomington, P.O. Box 1149, Bloomington IN 47402.

Jerry Miller

GARRETT — Jerry DeWayne Miller, 45, died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001 at 7:10 p.m. in his Garrett home.

Mr. Miller was a truck driver for Bohren Trucking. He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Auburn.

Mr. Miller

He was born Oct. 19, 1956, in Auburn to Tom and Judy (Shaw) Doehrman. They survive in Angola.

He married Tammela Tons on April 13, 1981, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Kayla Miller, at home; five brothers, Terry Miller of Rome City, Mike Miller of Albion, Tim Miller of Ypsilanti, Mich., Tom Doehrman of Fort Wayne and Richard Smolek of Angola; and four sisters, Sara Wright, Brenda Hudson and Jolene Worman, all of Angola, and Belinda Smolek of North Carolina.

One brother, Greg Doehrman, preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 10 a.m. Pastor Don Meyers will officiate. Private burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Area Deaths

LIGONIER — **Robert "Bob" Barnes**, 58, died Wednesday at Porter Memorial Hospital in Valparaiso. Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Calling will be today from 5-7 p.m. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

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Terrance Pinnington

LIBERTY, Tenn. — Terrance G. Pinnington, 52, died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2001, at Saint Thomas Hospital in Nashville, Tenn.

A former Auburn resident, he was employed by Averitt Express Trucking Co. in Smyrna, Tenn. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War and the recipient of two Purple Hearts. He was a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

He was born in Liverpool, England, to Abram and Johanna Pinnington. His parents preceded him in death.

Surviving him are his wife, Cherri Pinnington; two sons, Jason Pinnington of Auburn and Abram Pinnington of Liberty, Tenn.; two brothers, Kenneth Pinnington of Waterloo and John Pinnington of Angola; four sisters, Maurene Ball of Valparaiso, Eileen Conrad of Auburn, Rose Murdock of Fort Wayne and Anne Perkins of Waterloo.

A brother, Norman Pinnington, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, following prayers at 9:30 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 97 or Masses.

Franklin Sprague

BUTLER — Franklin L. Sprague, 86, died Thursday, Dec. 20, 2001, at 6:19 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Sprague worked for Dana Corp. in Auburn and Fort Wayne, retiring in 1981 with 30 years of service. He was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo, the Auburn Moose Lodge and UAW Local 164.

He was born Feb. 22, 1915, in Watertown, N.Y., to A.J. and Eva (Davis) Sprague.

His wife, Wilma (Walker) Sprague, died in 1994.

Surviving are one son, Franklin L. Sprague Jr. of New York; a sister-in-law, Marvel Lambert of Angola; a stepdaughter-in-law, Doris Metcalf of Auburn; three nieces, Waneta Timmany, Cathy Loucks and Carol Dockham; two nephews, James Sprague and Tom Lambert; and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

A stepson, Robert Metcalf, four brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at noon in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 11 a.m. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Emma Johnstone

HAMILTON — Emma Susanna Johnstone, 3 months, died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2001, at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was born Sept. 6, 2001, in Angola to Ted and Mary (Driscoll) Johnstone. They survive.

Also surviving are a maternal grandmother, Maxine Driscoll of Parnell, Iowa; a paternal grandfather, Danny Johnstone of Huntington; and a paternal grandmother, Nancy Fuqua of Helena, Mont.

Her paternal grandfather, Patrick Driscoll, preceded her in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 at the funeral home.

Calvin Miller

AUBURN — Calvin L. "Roy" Miller, 85, died Thursday, Dec. 20, 2001, at his Auburn home.

Mr. Miller was a repairman for International Harvester for 25 years, retiring in 1980. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Battle of the Bulge. He was a member of UAW Local 57.

He was born Nov. 8, 1916, in Neodasha, Kans. to Franklin M. and Cassie Mae (Davis) Miller.

He married Eileita L. Roop on Dec. 31, 1955, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Karen Miller of Auburn; a brother, Jack Miller of Annandale, Va.; and two grandchildren, Nick Squires and Chris Squires, both of West Lafayette.

A sister, Lorraine Klimetz, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. John Scott officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Home Health Care.

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Lucie Wilcoxson

AVILLA — Lucie Mae Wilcoxson, 58, died Friday, Dec. 21, 2001, at 1 a.m. in her home on DeKalb County Road 48, Avilla.

Mrs. Wilcoxsonwas a factory worker and member of the Garrett United Methodist Church. She lived in Avilla for 32 years.

Mrs. Wilcoxson

She was born June 14, 1943, in Angola to Clay L. and Mary Margaret (Huff) Lemmon. They preceded her in death.

She married Ralph D. Wilcoxson on March 8, 1963, in Hamilton and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Rod Frantz of Peru; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Scott and Tara Wilcoxson of Huntington, and Rex Wilcoxson of Avilla; one brother, James Lemmon of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sharon and Ted Perna of Garland, Texas, and Linda and William Lindeman of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Louie Lemmon; a half-sister, LuAnn Reede; and her stepfather, Ammon D. Troyer.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Garrett United Methodist Church, with calling after 9 a.m. Dr. Scott Moss will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

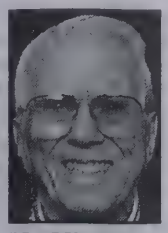
Additional calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice or the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Elmer 'Sonny' Minard

AUBURN — Elmer G. "Sonny" Minard, 86, died Friday, Dec. 21, 2001, at 8:15 a.m. in Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Minard

Mr. Minard worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Auburn for 42 years, retiring as postmaster in 1978.

He lived in Auburn and was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He was an entertainer for Audiences Unlimited in Fort Wayne and a musician for many years. He was a former square dance caller and a member of the Sunny Jones Ballroom Dance Band and the First Tuesday Night Organ Club.

He was born April 19, 1915, in Auburn to Frank and Celia (Haynes) Minard.

He married Harriet Fullmar in 1934 and she died in 1953.

He married Marilyn Krauss on Sept. 12, 1964, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Jeffery A. and Amy Minard of Fort Wayne; one daughter and son-in-law, Marsha and Argyl Bassett of Auburn; one sister, Dolores Hurni of Auburn; seven grandchildren, Kathy Staehler, Katie, Chloe and Ian Minard, and Mike, Greg and Tim Bassett; and seven great-grandsons.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, with the Rev. Wilbur Yates and the Rev. William Kaster officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Youth For Christ or the First United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Paul Maloney

AUBURN — Paul Edward Maloney, 84, died Friday, Dec. 21, 2001, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. He had resided in Auburn for 31 years.

Mr. Maloney was born Sept. 10, 1917, in Churubusco. He was a World War II veteran of the U. S. Army and Navy. He retired from General Electric in 1981 after 28 years of service.

Mr. Maloney is survived by his wife, Yvonne, who he married July 17, 1948, in Fort Wayne; three daughters, Patricia Batchhelder, Fort Wayne, Carol Maloney, Vicksburg, Mich., and Sally Halterman, Garrett; four sons, Daniel Maloney, Butler, Michael Maloney, Garrett, Robert Maloney, Auburn and Edward Maloney, Ossian; two brothers, James Maloney, Fort Wayne and Ralph Maloney, Amarillo, Tex.; one sister, Jane Mertz, Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ed Maloney; mother, Lizzie Maloney; two sons, David and Charles Maloney; two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Church, Auburn. Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Additional calling will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net. Memorials are to Immaculate Conception Church Masses or a charity of the donor's choice.

Francis Vinyard

KENDALLVILLE — Francis Earl Vinyard, 84, died Friday, Dec. 21, 2001, at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. He had been a resident there since October.

Mr. Vinyard was born July 25, 1917, in Dayton, Ohio to James Porter Vinyard and Winona (Emerick) Vinyard and moved to Buckhannon, West Va. at age 4. He moved to Kendallville in 1937. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the European Theater during World War II from 1942-1945.

Mr. Vinyard

He married Jean Leota Schlichtenmyer on Sept. 24, 1949, in Kendallville, and she survives.

Mr. Vinyard worked 34 years for the U. S. Postal Service in Kendallville as a rural letter carrier. He retired in 1977. He was a life member (56 years) of American Legion Post 86 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749, both in Kendallville. He was a past commander of the VFW and served on the building committee when the new VFW was built. He also belonged to the Disabled American Veterans.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Vinyard is also survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Gene and Cheri Holcomb of Kendallville; one brother and sister-in-law, Russell and Mabel Vinyard of Seven Hills, Ohio; three granddaughters, Jana Smock, Fort Wayne, Telina Sheppard, Orlando, Fla. and Juli Liz, Key West, Fla.; a grandson, Michael Holcomb, Fort Wayne; six great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ronald Vinyard and a sister, Doris Mae Hopkins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Michael McKinney officiating. Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville with graveside honors conducted by Kendallville VFW 2749 members.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home or to the Kendallville VFW Post 2749.

Donald Harmon

HUNTERTOWN — Donald Jay Harmon, 76, a resident of Allen County near Huntertown, died Friday, Dec. 21, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett. He had entered the nursing home earlier in the day on Friday.

Mr. Harmon was born Dec. 20, 1925, in Muncie to Orville and Lena Esta (Bash) Harmon. He spent his formative years in the Muncie and Portland areas. After being employed as a railroad express agent in Portland, he moved to Fort Wayne in 1945. He was employed at the Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne, and later worked as a custodian with Fort Wayne Structural Steel. He retired in 1979 due to his failing health.

He was married to Phyllis Ann Croxton on Nov. 11, 1947.

He is a member of the Edgewood-North Congregation Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Fort Wayne.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Donald W. Harmon, Fort Wayne; two daughters, Deborah Ann Harmon, Indianapolis and Kit Bradley, Houston; one brother, Paul Wayne Mullens, Hartford City; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters, Norma Chrisman and Emogene Mullens.

Services will be at 5 p.m. today at the Edgewood-North Congregation Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses with Michael Bricker officiating. Private burial will be Monday in the Huntertown Cemetery, Huntertown. Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsfuneralhome.com. Memorials are to Edgewood-North Congregation Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 6427 Blackstone Dr., Fort Wayne, IN, 46818.

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Janice Yoder

MIDDLEBURY — Janice L. Yoder, 78, died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2001, at IU Medical Center, Indianapolis, where she had been since Nov. 16.

She was born in Shipshewana on May 25, 1923, to Truman and Nona (Yoder) Mishler. She was a homemaker who lived in the Middlebury and Shipshewana areas all her life. She was married Jan. 5, 1946, to Floyd J. Yoder in Shipshewana.

She was an active member of the First Mennonite Church, Middlebury.

She is survived by her husband; three daughters and sons-in-law, Gloria and Chris Miller, Middlebury, Vicki and Mark Smucker, Granger and Sally and Douglas Smoker, Goshen; three sisters, Mildred Mishler, Shipshewana, Loretta Weideman, Elkhart and Vera Hostetler, Topeka; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Dr. Ernest Mishler.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at First Mennonite Church, Middlebury with the Rev. Linford Martin officiating. Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. today at the church. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials are to Mennonite Central Committee.

Michael James Lentz-Hine

ASHLEY — Michael James Lentz-Hine was stillborn Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2001, in Ashley. He is survived by his parents, Dale Lentz of Ohio and Patricia Hine of Grand Ledge, Mich.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge, Mich.

Dorelyn Kessens

FORT WAYNE — Dorelyn E. Kessens, 68, died Thursday, Dec. 20, 2001, at her residence in Fort Wayne.

She was born April 12, 1933, in Sturgis, Mich., to Carl E. Forde and Alnie Frances (McKenzie) Forde. She was raised in Brighton and lived for many years in Fort Wayne. She was a self-employed housekeeper and cook.

She is survived by three daughters, Dianna Kessens, Fort Wayne, Kelly Tipton, Fort Wayne and Sharon Phares, Georgetown, Ky.; three sons, Chris Kessens, Fort Wayne, Kerry Kessens, Fort Wayne and Jim Kessens, Minneapolis, Minn.; five sisters, Nelta Swihart, Howe, Lois Redmond, Howe, Mildred Hayes, LaGrange, Margaret Sunday, Paulding, Ohio and Sharon McKenzie, Mishawaka; four brothers Van McKenzie, Lake Havasu City, Ariz., Bruce McKenzie, LaFayette, Dean McKenzie, Eagan, Minn. and Verl McKenzie, Bethlehem, Ga.; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Halcyon Garlets and Ardelle Johnson, and two brothers, Eldon McKenzie and John McKenzie.

Services will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Brighton Chapel, Brighton, with the Rev. Rodney Schuler officiating. Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice Memorial Fund, 1315 Directors Row Suite 206, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2001

Gladys Mavis

AUBURN — Gladys Fay Mavis, 100, died Sunday morning, Dec. 23, 2001, in her Auburn home.

She graduated from Hicksville High School in Ohio, where she played in the Hart's Girls Band. She was a homemaker for several years until her daughter attended college, then she worked at the Boston Clothing Store in Auburn as a clerk.

Mrs. Mavis

She was a member of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, First United Methodist Church, Auburn Business and Professional Women, Auburn Garden Club and Entre Nous Literary Club. She volunteered at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, and was a member of the Democrat Women's Club, and Nellie Weaver Circle. She was chosen Woman of the Year by the Business and Professional Women.

Mrs. Mavis was born July 10, 1901, in Mark Center, Ohio, to Hiriam and Etta (Curtis) Cunningham.

She married Quentin K. Mavis on May 23, 1923, in Defiance, Ohio, and he died in 1974.

Surviving her is one daughter, Imogene Mavis.

A brother, Kenneth Cunningham, and a sister, Jerrene Miller, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with a memorial service at 11 a.m. Thursday, in First United Methodist Church, Auburn. Pastor Wilbur Yates and Pastor Paul Burris will officiate.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the church.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 542, Auburn IN 46706.

Condolences may be sent to 11SympathyCBW@aol.com.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, is in charge of arrangements.

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FORT WAYNE — **Ruth J. Rodenbeck**, 99, died Saturday. Services were today at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lake Avenue Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

COLUMBIA CITY — **Grace E. Goble**, 86, died Friday at 7:51 p.m. Services at 10:30 a.m. in Hope Lutheran Church, Columbia City, with calling after 9:30 a.m.

KENDALLVILLE — **Sonia Helen Bailey,** 56, died Saturday at the Ellis Crum residence in Kendallville. Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Ellis Crum officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

KENDALLVILLE — **Alexander Kenneth Bailey**, infant, was stillborn at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville Saturday. Graveside services were held today at 11 a.m. at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, with the Rev. Jim Kane officiating. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — **Harriet J. Taylor,** 79, died Saturday at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville. Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw, with the Rev. Bill Shipman officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

HUNTINGTON — **Delbert Noble Deckard,** 86, of rural Huntington, died Saturday at home. Services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Myers Funeral Home in Huntington, with Rick Kreischer officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. Burial will be in the Old Lutheran and Union Cemetery in Roanoke.

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Marjorie Shirley

GARRETT — Marjorie J. "Marge" Shirley, 74, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2001, at 12:30 a.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

She worked at Pent Products in Ashley for 12 years, retiring in 1989. She lived in Garrett and was a member of the Waterloo VFW Auxiliary and Garrett Eagles Auxiliary.

Mrs. Shirley was born Jan. 29, 1927, in Kendallville, to Lester M. Tarlton and Florence Adell McCreary.

She married Delmer G. Shirley on March 17, 1951, in LaGrange and he died May 25, 1999.

Surviving her are one son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Pam Prince of Orland; a daughter and her companion, Barbara Reis and Ray Caskey of Anderson, S.C.; a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Leroy Butcher of Olney, Colo.; a brother and sister-in-law, Calvin "Lee" and Ilene Tarlton of Garrett; a sister and brother-in-law, Anna Mae and Lawrence Kresse of LaGrange; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Tarlton, and two grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. John Hostetter officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Matthew Terry

WOLCOTTVILLE — Matthew W. Terry, 16, of Wolcottville, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2001, in an automobile accident in rural Wolcottville.

He was a junior at Lakeland High School and a member of the Lakeland High School baseball team. He also played intramural basketball at Lakeland and played for Summit City Baseball in Fort Wayne. He worked at Twin Six Restaurant in Wolcottville.

He was born April 16, 1985, in Kendallville, to Willis Jr. and Claudia (Corburn) Terry. His father and stepmother, Rebecca Terry, survive in Kendallville and his mother and stepfather, Don Cornett Sr., survive in Wolcottville. Also surviving are his maternal grandparents, Susie and Steve Kinerk of Wolcottville and Rufus and Carolyn Coburn of Edgewood; his paternal grandmother, Herma Combs Terry of Ainstion, Ala.; a stepbrother, Don Cornett Jr. of Orland; and two stepsisters, Lacey and Adrinna Stanley, both of Kendallville.

M. Terry

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Community Baptist Church, C.R. 700S, LaGrange County, with the Rev. Leburn Combs officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville and after 10 a.m. Friday at the church. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Naomi White

KENDALLVILLE — Naomi Ruth White, 91, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2001, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehab in Angola.

She was an elementary school teacher in Kendallville and Auburn. She lived in the Kendallville area for 61 years and was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

She was born July 5, 1910, in Lowell, to John H. and Ruby (Burnham) Spindler. On June 18, 1934, in Lowell, she married Dr. J. Philip White, and he preceded her in death on April 9, 1988. Three brothers are also deceased.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dr. J. Philip White Jr. of Bloomington and Dr. Stephen S. and Kathie White of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Sue Ellen and James Lockwood of Speedway; four grandchildren, H. David, Brad and Mark White and Heather White Rowlett; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, with calling one hour before services. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist.

Area Deaths

COLUMBIA CITY — **Peggy A. Nei**, 66, died Monday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne. Memorial services will be held Thursday at 5 p.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, with calling two hours before services.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2001

Hazel Gilbert

PLEASANT LAKE — Hazel I. Gilbert, 93, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2001, at Park View Nursing Center in Edgerton, Ohio.

She was a public school teacher in Pleasant Lake and Auburn for 24 years, retiring in 1975. She lived in Pleasant Lake and was a member of Pleasant Lake Baptist Church, Pleasant Lake Lioness Club and Pleasant Lake Home Economics Club. She was a 62-year member, past matron and former grand representative of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a 50-year member of the Angola Women of the Moose.

Mrs. Gilbert was born Oct. 29, 1908, in Carroll County, Ind., to Merriman and Alta (Lyon) Rice.

She married Ray Gilbert on June 12, 1938, and he died Jan. 30, 1992.

Surviving her are two sons, Lee Gilbert of Edgerton and Dee Gilbert of Schaumburg, Ill.; and one grandson, Kevin Gilbert.

A sister, Norma Rice, preceded her in death in 1913.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home. The Ashley chapter of the Eastern Star will conduct a service Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Area Deaths

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — **Greg L. Hart**, 49, died Tuesday at the Battle Creek Community Health Center. Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Visitation will be Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Burial will be at the Rehobeth Cemetery near Albion.

ROME CITY — **Lois Ellen Courtright,** 68, of Rome City, died Monday at Parkview Noble Hospital. There will be no services or calling. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — **Doris L. Wigginton**, 79, of Kendallville, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Robert Shriner of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

LIGONIER — **M. Roberta Cripe**, 81, of Ligonier, died Wednesday at home. Services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Burr Oak Church, 11010W 1100N, Ligonier, with the Rev. Mark Buritt and the Rev. Hubert Schmucker officiating. Calling will be today from 5-8 p.m. and Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

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Eldon Gruber

SPENCERVILLE — Eldon William Gruber, 77, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2001 at 11:20 p.m. in his Spencerville home.

He retired in 1982 as a machinist from General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne after 13 years of service.

Mr. Gruber was born March 5, 1924, in Allen County to Fordyce and Ida (Roe) Gruber.

He married Norma Jean Wolf on May 28, 1977, in Markle, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Dennis Gruber of Arlington Heights, Ill., and Alan Gruber of Denver, Iowa; four daughters, Carol Klammer of Cedar Falls, Iowa, Beverly Lanigan and Joyce McBride, both of Waterloo, Iowa, and JoAnne Blumingshine of Denver, Iowa; one stepson, Galen Clark of Fort Myers, Fla.; one stepdaughter, Linda Young of Cape Coral, Fla.; one brother, Milton Gruber of Canada; two sisters, Eileen Nix of New Haven and Leila Hamilton of St. Joe; 16 grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one stepgreat-grandchild.

One sister, Rose Waters, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio, with Pastor Kent Young officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Allen County.

Calling is today after 4 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Harlan Christian Youth Center, Harlan.

George O'Dor

AUBURN — George Lewis "Daddy-O" O'Dor, 77, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He worked at Ford Motor Co. in Chicago Heights, Ill., for 19 years, retiring in 1975. He was born in Detroit, Mich., and lived in Auburn. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, and VFW Post 6572 in Auburn.

Surviving him are four daughters, Margaret Kemnitz of Fort Wayne, Mary J. Haun of Demotte, Theresa Hubbell of Lowell, and Georgia Anne Welsh of Crown Point; three sons, Patrick G. of Munster, Michael of Portage, and Martin of Godley, Texas; one sister, Kathleen Herr of Pontiac, Mich.; and a friend, Ruth Miers of Fort Wayne; 19 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, William Edward and Robert Austin, and one brother, John William.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with calling after 10 a.m. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with a rosary service at 4:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Adrian Reyes

ANGOLA — Adrian Reyes, 15, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2001, at 11:43 p.m. in St. Joseph County, Mich.

He was born July 26, 1986, in Ciudad Hidalgo, Michoacan, Mexico, to Salvador Reyes and Laura Hernandez. They both survive in Angola.

Also surviving are two brothers, Junior Reyes and Salvador Reyes, at home; one sister, Elizabeth Reyes, at home; his maternal grandmother, Teresa Urbino of Michoacan; his paternal grandmother, Guadalupe Salavador Reyes of Michoacan; and a maternal great-grandmother, Victorina Brruete of Michoacan.

A maternal grandparent, Salvador, preceded him in death.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 p.m. in Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola. Burial will be in San Juan Cemetery in Huajumbar, San Isidro, Michoacan, Mexico.

Memorials are to the Adrian Reyes Memorial Fund, in care of the First Federal Savings Bank of Angola.

Area Deaths

CHURUBUSCO — **Kay Anne Geist**, 52, of Blue Lake near Churubusco, died Thursday at her mother's home. There will be no services or calling. In lieu of flowers, memorials are to Parkview Whitley Home Health and Hospice, Columbia City. Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

LAGRANGE — **Byron Edward Pomeroy,** 58, died Tuesday at home. Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Jeff Farnham and the Rev. Joe Moreno officiating. There will be no calling. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana, with military rites by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

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Roberta Henderson

EVANSVILLE — Roberta M. Henderson, 78, of Evansville died Friday, Dec. 28, 2001, at 8 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. Henderson worked for 35 years as an office manager for Indiana Bell. She retired in 1983.

She graduated from Rosiclare Community High School in 1941. She also graduated from Lockyears Business College.

Mrs. Henderson was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, V.F.W. Post 2953 Ladies Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary No. 265 and LOLs.

She was also a tole painting artist.

She was a former member of Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church.

She was born Nov. 2, 1923.

She was married to Carl Jean Henderson for 57 years. He survives in Evansville.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law Gregory K. and Emma Henderson of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela S. and Daniel Kennedy of Overland Park, Kan.; one sister, Mary Ruth Carter of Rosiclare, Ill.; three grandsons, Bradford Henderson of Lafayette, Geoffrey Henderson of Auburn and Daniel Kennedy, Jr. of Overland Park, Kan.; four granddaughters, Christian Henderson of Lafayette, Kelly Ann Henderson of Auburn, Laurel Henderson of Auburn and Devin Kennedy of Overland Park, Kan.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon Dawn; and a son, Bradford Jene.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the Alexander East Chapel in Evansville. Rev. John Hilbert will officiate. Burial will be at Alexander Memorial Park in Evansville.

Calling is from 3-6 p.m. Sunday at the chapel.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Vista Care.

Arrangements are by Alexander East Chapel in Evansville.

Esther Slater

GARRETT — Esther L. Slater, 90, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2001, in her daughter's home in Vermilion, Ohio.

She was a former inspector for General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne and a former U.S. Defense Department employee. She was a kitchen supervisor at Garrett Community Hospital for 12 years, retiring in 1965. She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett, where she taught Vacation Bible School for many years. She was also a member of the Garrett lodge of the Order of Eastern Star.

Mrs. Slater was born Feb. 11, 1911, Garrett to Edgar and Maude (Metzger) Beeber.

She married George Russell Slater on Oct. 1, 1944, in Garrett, and he died in 1971.

Surviving her are a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy Slater Stroman and Roger Stroman of Vermilion, Ohio; a sister, Ruth Welch of Auburn; three grandchildren and spouses, Michele Stroman Welker and Kevin Welker, David Stroman and Patricia Stroman; and two great-grandchildren, Ethan and Ava Welker.

She was preceded in death by one son, David Slater; two daughters, Maureen and Rita Slater; four brothers and one sister.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church.

Beth Musser

FORT WAYNE — Beth Elaine Musser, 47, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2001, at 6:15 a.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a computer programmer at Lincoln Life Corp. for eight years.

Miss Musser was born June 14, 1954, in Auburn to Ralph Jacob and Ruth Deloris (Barnhart) Musser. Her mother survives in Auburn and her father preceded her in death.

Also surviving her are two brothers, Kent H. Musser of Fort Wayne and William H. Musser of Auburn; and a sister, Sandra Sue Bendezu of Angola.

Services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling after noon. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Area Deaths

LAGRANGE — **Doris L. Benedict**, 89, of LaGrange died Thursday at 7:25 p.m. at the Life Care Center in LaGrange. Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Burkett Smith and Mr. Jared Jennette officiating. Graveside services will be Monday at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Poplar Grove Cemetery in Argos. Calling is Sunday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Clarence Shultz

FORT WAYNE — Clarence E. Shultz, 100, of Fort Wayne and formerly Clearwater, Fla., died Friday, Dec. 28, 2001, at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

He farmed in Minnesota until 1958, and moved first to Florida in 1967 and then to Fort Wayne in 1995. He was a member of High Point United Methodist Church in Clearwater and he made and gave away over 30,000 stuffed animals.

He was born June 19, 1901, in Sleepy Eye, Minn., to John and Louise (Moll) Schultz. On Feb. 27, 1986, in Clearwater, he married Mary Miller, and she survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a stepdaughter, Carol Schuster of Austin, Tex.; three stepsons and their wives, Robert and Janet Miller of Albion, Harry and Sandy Miller of Copperas Cove, Tex., and Kenneth and Carol Miller of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Selma Somerfeld of Clearwater and Della Cunningham of Sleepy Eye; 18 step-grandchildren; 28 step-great-grandchildren; 4 step-great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lillian (Somerfeld) Schultz, in 1984. A stepdaughter, Shirley Powell of Churubusco, and a brother are also deceased.

Services will be held Monday at 4 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Eric Ball officiating. Calling will be 1-4 p.m. Monday. Burial will be in Clearwater at a later date.

Donations are to Matthew 25 ministries, with envelopes available at the funeral home.

Agnes M. Hollis

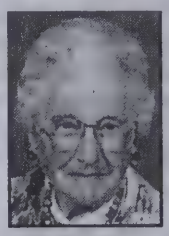
GARRETT — Agnes M. Hollis, 94, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001, at 2:10 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

She was an assembler at Creek Chub Bait Co. in Garrett for 25 years, retiring in 1971. She lived in Garrett for 78 years and was a charter member of the Garrett Eagles Lodge. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and its Rosary Society, Daughters of Isabella and Harvest House.

Mrs. Hollis was born May 5, 1907, in Waterloo to John and Mary (Dapp) May.

She married Leo F. Hollis in June, 1928, and he died Dec. 21, 1973.

Surviving her are two sons, Kenneth Hollis of Fremont and Raymond Hollis of Dayton, Ohio; one daughter, Mary Kathryn Nymberg of Virginia Beach, Va.; three brothers, Norbert May of Waterloo, Edward May of Auburn and Otto May of Noblesville; two sisters, Esther Kohlinger of Fort Wayne and Veronica Schlosser of Waterloo; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Albert May.


Mrs. Hollis

Services will be held Saturday, Jan. 5, at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling was Friday in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with a rosary service at 3:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Masses at the church or the Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

DuWayne T. Holmes

ASHLEY — DuWayne T. Holmes, 22, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001, in the early morning in a traffic accident in Steuben County.

Mr. Holmes was serving in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Stewart, Ga. He was a 1998 graduate of DeKalb High School and held a black belt in karate.

Mr. Holmes was born Oct. 18, 1979, in Auburn.

Surviving him are his father and stepmother, Larry and Shirley Holmes of Laketon; his mother and stepfather, Renee (Beerbower) and Lealon Stoy of Ashley; his grandparents, Frank and Marcille Beerbower of St. Joe, and Robert and Susan Holmes of North Manchester; two stepbrothers and a stepsister-in-law, Lee and Sondra Stoy of Hamilton, and John Stoy of Ashley; two uncles and aunts, Eddie and Cheri Beerbower of Auburn, and Nina and Raymond Chew of Fort Wayne; a stepaunt, Joy Shuff of Auburn; a nephew and two nieces, Lee Matthew, Stephanie and Kaitlyn Stoy; and several cousins.

Mr. Holmes

His stepgrandparents, Lealon and Opal Stoy, preceded him in death.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna, with military graveside services.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley.

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Tisha Fernandez

AUBURN — Tisha J. (Morgan) Fernandez, 38, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2001, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and a member of Soul's Harbor Assembly of God in Auburn.

She was born June 5, 1963, in Brooke, Ind., to Kenneth A. and Brenda K. (Nuss) Morgan.

Surviving are two sons, Dustin T. and Ryan J. Faltermeier of Auburn; two brothers, William "Billy" Morgan of Graves Mills, Mo., and Monte Morgan of Auburn; and a sister, Kristina Morgan Stemen of Auburn.

Ms. Fernandez

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with the Rev. David Snodderly officiating. Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery near Corunna.

Memorials are to Dustin and Ryan's education fund.

Doris Benedict

LAGRANGE — Doris L. Benedict, 89, of LaGrange, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001, at 7:25 p.m. at the Life Care Center in LaGrange.

Mrs. Benedict was a homemaker and a seamstress for Starcraft Corp.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange and the Ruth Circle of the church.

She was born July 1, 1912, in Fountain Green, Ill., to Robert Henry and Cora (Lowderman) Gordon.

She married Dale G. Benedict on Nov. 4, 1935, in Chicago. He died in 1985.

Surviving are three daughters, Linda Trowbridge of LaGrange, Mrs. Vance (Jane) Zartman of Fort Wayne and Miss Marilyn Benedict of Marietta, Ga.; one brother, James Gordon of Benton, Ill.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Benedict was preceded in death by three sisters and six brothers.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Burkett Smith and Mr. Jared Jennette officiating. Graveside services will be Monday at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Poplar Grove Cemetery in Argos.

Calling is today from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Memorial Fund of Life Care Center of LaGrange or the National Parkinson Foundation.

Carma Scott

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Carma Sue Scott, 62, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2001, at home.

She attended Hicksville High School and was employed at the Wholesale House in Hicksville for the past 10 years.

She was born Dec. 27, 1939, in Hicksville, to Walter and Mary (Patterson) Hootman. Her mother survives in Butler. Her husband, Marvin Headley, preceded her in death. A sister, Margaret Hootman, is also deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Scott and Michael Headley of California; two daughters, Holly Buss of California and Brandy Fitzcharles of Sherwood, Ohio; six grandchildren; two sisters, Mary Ellen Essley of Auburn and Juanita Roush of Garrett; and four brothers, Roger Hootman of Auburn, Robert Hootman of Hicksville, Jerald Hootman of Ney, Ohio, and Allen Hootman of Evansport, Ohio.

There will be no services or calling. Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville is in charge of arrangements.

Josephine Dague

FORT WAYNE — Josephine Dague, 91, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001, at Kingston Care Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Noble County and retired in 1955 from Noble Shoe Co. Her husband, Oral, died in 1972.

Surviving are a niece, Betty Waters of Fort Wayne; and four nephews, Larry Stoner of Cromwell, Billy Stump of Sebring, Fla., Sammy Stump of Ligonier and Pha Stump of South Bend. Graveside services will be held today at 1:30 p.m. at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell. There will be no calling. Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

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Richard Freidenberger

BUTLER — Richard L. Freidenberger, 71, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2001, at 12:33 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was retired in 1995 as a laborer with 13 years of service at Hendrickson Tandem. He also worked as a telegrapher for the Wabash Railroad. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He lived in Butler and was a member of Butler American Legion Post 202, Kendallville VFW and Butler Eagles Lodge. He was a 20-year member of the Butler Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Freidenberger was born Jan. 14, 1930, in Auburn to Howard and Isabelle (King) Freidenberger.

He married Suzanne Burtch on June 28, 1959, in Butler, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Beth Freidenberger of Butler; and two grandchildren and one spouse, Amy Freidenberger of Butler, and Jason and Natalie Freidenberger of St. Joe.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. Pastor Dennis Leinbach will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler American Legion Scholarship Fund.

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SYRACUSE — **Timothy Allen Clements**, newborn, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Grace Bible Baptist Church, Syracuse, with calling 10-11 a.m. Thursday.

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